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Warner to Give Dem Keynote

Obama keeps spotlight on Va. with choice of lead speaker

HONOLULU | Barack Obama chose Mark Warner, Virginia's Senate candidate and former governor, to deliver the keynote address at the Democratic convention, underscoring Democrats' all-out effort to win the Southern state for the first time since 1964.

The move announced Wednesday also raises questions about the prospects of Obama's choosing Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine as his running mate.

Warner is to speak on Aug. 26, the second day of the convention in Denver, while the yet-to-be-named vice presidential nominee is slated to address delegates a day later on Aug. 27. Kaine is among a handful of Democrats said to be under serious consideration for the No. 2 spot.

Obama has visited Virginia at least a couple of times since wrapping up the nomination and is pouring money and manpower into it. Democrats consider the state the most promising as they seek victory in Southern and Western states that George W. Bush won in the last two elections and that Republicans have held for decades.

Warner

The keynote address is a plum speaking spot that often is a springboard to national prominence. Obama, then a Senate candidate from Illinois, delivered it four years ago and began a rise in national politics expected to reach the Democratic nomination for president. (AP)

U.S. Sends Aid as Russians Occupy Georgian City

MIKHAIL METZEL/AP

REFUGE: South Ossetians driven from their homes by fighting eat at a refugee camp in the Russian province of North Ossetia on Wednesday. As Russian tanks rolled into the Georgian city of Gori, President Bush announced plans for a massive humanitarian effort. ✣ **Broken truce:** Russians violate pact | **Page 7**

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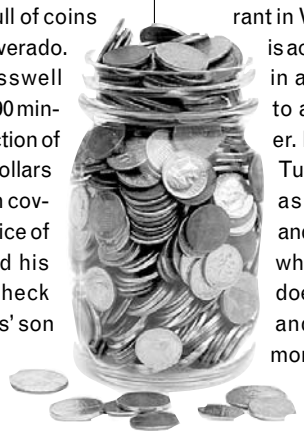
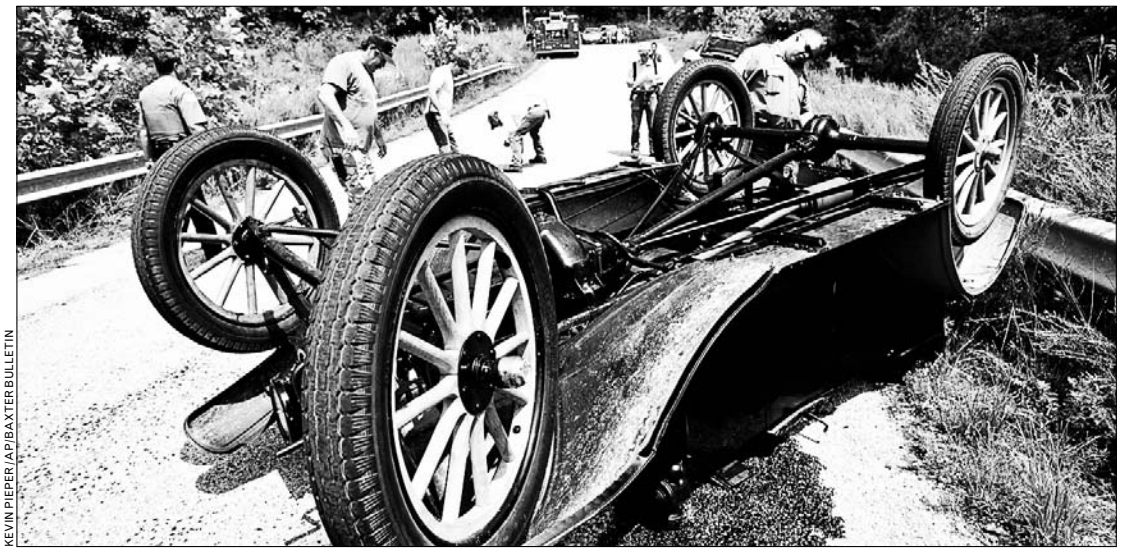
An Ohio man who says he doesn't trust paper money has delivered enough coins to cover half the price of a brand-new pickup truck. Employees at a dealership in a Cincinnati suburb say 70-year-old James Jones plunked down 16 coffee cans full of coins for a new Chevrolet Silverado. Salesman David Crisswell says employees spent 90 minutes counting the collection of dimes, quarters, half-dollars and dollar coins, which covered half the $16,000 price of the pickup. Jones and his wife, Betty, wrote a check for the other half. Jones' son says his dad has always preferred to pay with coins. (AP)



EATING

Angry Family Is Now Healthier

A former restaurant cook who has pleaded guilty to a food-tampering charge has been sentenced to six months behind bars and three years' probation. Ryan Kropp was fired along with another cook after a Feb. 23 incident at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant in West Bend, Wis. Kropp is accused of inserting hairs in a steak before giving it to a dissatisfied customer. He apologized in court Tuesday, saying he was ashamed, embarrassed and remorseful. The patron who got the steak says he doesn't accept his apology and that Kropp deserves more time. The patron says he and his family don't eat out anymore. (AP)



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OLD STUFF

Rambling Wreck Wrecked

Sheriff's Deputy Aaron Brown looks over a 1921 Model T involved in a one-vehicle rollover accident Monday in Baxter County, Ark. Richard Graham, 25, of Florida was driving the all-original 1921 Ford owned by his grandfather. As the Model T was going up a hill, the engine died and the car rolled backward and overturned. (AP)

EMPLOYMENT

Job Is Viewed as a Gift With Purchase

A federal judge in Pittsburgh didn't buy the defense of a woman who claimed a shopaholic disorder caused her to steal nearly $758,000 from her former employer. The woman was sentenced to 33 months in prison. Authorities said the woman stole the money from WesDyne International by using a company American Express card to pay for vacations, home improvements, jewelry, a Mercedes-Benz and other items. Authorities said she covered up the thefts by creating 1,700 bogus expense invoices. (AP)

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PICKUP CRIME: A former part-time Pennsylvania police officer has been sentenced to 30 days in jail for pulling over a woman while he was off duty — just to give her his phone number. Steven Klinger, 32, was charged with official oppression.

Nation

In Brief

DAYLA THURSTON/AP FILE

Sandy Allen, right, was the world's tallest woman at a height of 7 feet, 7 inches.

INDIANAPOLIS

World's Tallest Woman Dies At Age 53 in Nursing Home

A woman who grew to be 7 feet 7 inches tall and was recognized as the world's tallest female died early Wednesday, a friend said. She was 53. Sandy Allen, who used her height to inspire schoolchildren to accept those who are different, died at a nursing home in her hometown of Shelbyville, family friend Rita Rose said. The cause of death was not yet known. Allen had been hospitalized in recent months, Rose said. (AP)

DENVER

Pound of Cyanide Found In Room Where Man Died

Authorities in Denver say they have found about a pound of highly toxic sodium cyanide in a hotel room where a man's body was discovered. Police say foul play is not suspected. The man's body was found Monday at the Burnsley Hotel about four blocks from the state Capitol, and investigators say he had been dead for several days. (AP)

Gunman Kills Dem Chairman in Ark.

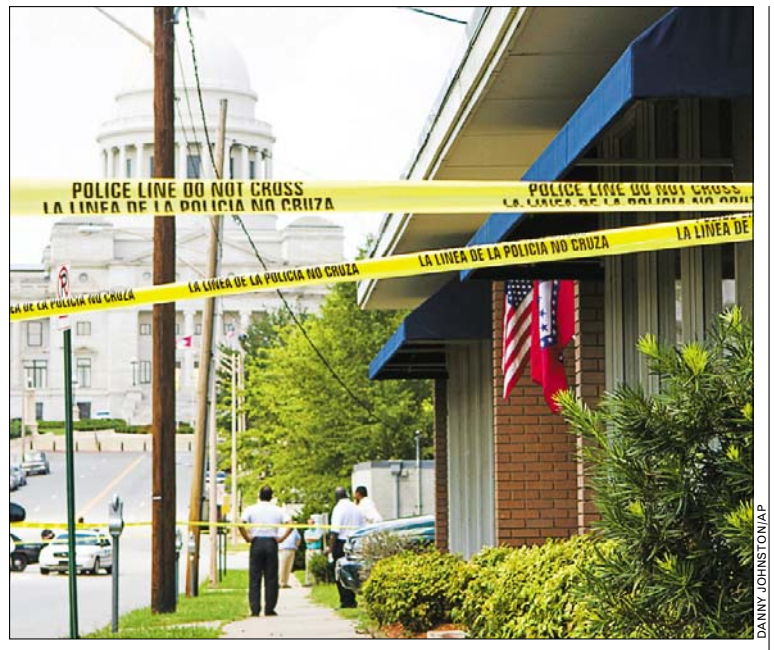
Shooter dies in police chase after attack at party's headquarters

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. | A man barged into the Arkansas Democratic headquarters and opened fire Wednesday, fatally shooting the state party chairman before speeding off in his pickup. Police later fatally shot the suspect after a 30-mile chase.

Police said they don't know the motive for the 51-year-old suspect, whose name has not been released. However, they said moments after the shooting, he pointed a handgun at the building manager at the nearby the Arkansas Baptist headquarters. He told the manager "'I lost my job,'" said Dan Jordan, a Baptist convention official.

Chairman Bill Gwatney died four hours after the shooting. The 48-year-old former state senator had been planning to travel to the Democratic National Convention later this month as a Hillary Clinton superdelegate.

Clinton and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, issued a statement calling Gwatney "not only a strong chairman of Arkansas' Democratic Party, but he is also a cherished friend and confidante."



DANNY JOHNSTON/AP

Police tape surrounds the Democratic Party of Arkansas headquarters near the state Capitol in Little Rock, Ark. A gunman killed the party's state chairman.

Witnesses said the gunman entered the party offices shortly before noon and said he wanted to see Gwatney.

Gwatney

"He said he was interested in volunteering, but that was obviously a lie," said 17-year-old party volunteer Sam Higginbotham. He said the man then pushed past employees to reach the chairman's office, where he fired three times.

After the suspect avoided spike strips and a roadblock along U.S. 167 near Sheridan, police rammed his car, spinning it, said Grant County Sheriff Lance Huey. He got out of his truck and began shooting, and state police and sheriff's deputies fired back, striking him several times, he said. ANDREW DEMILLO (AP)

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"I'm absolutely fine. ... I shook hands with a very enthusiastic supporter, and it got me the wrong way."

—**CINDY MCCAIN**, WHO WAS RUSHED TO A HOSPITAL WEDNESDAY AFTER A SUPPORTER SHOOK HER HAND TOO HARD, CAUSING A MINOR SPRAIN IN HER RIGHT WRIST.

McCain Adviser Lobbied for Georgia

WASHINGTON | John McCain's chief foreign policy adviser and his business partner lobbied the senator or his staff on 49 occasions in a 3½-year span while being paid hundreds of thousands of dollars by the government of the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

The payments raise ethical questions about the intersection of Randy Scheunemann's personal financial interests and his advice to the Republican presidential candidate, who is seizing on Russian aggression in Georgia as a campaign issue.

On April 17, a month and a half after Scheunemann stopped working for Georgia, his partner signed a $200,000 agreement with the Georgian government. For the duration of the campaign, Scheunemann is taking a leave of absence from the firm.

McCain has been to Georgia three times since 1997, and "this is an issue that he has been involved with for well over a decade," said McCain campaign spokesman Brian Rogers. PETE YOST (AP)

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Nation

55 | **The percentage of Americans** who say staging the Olympics in China was a good decision, compared to 34 percent who say it was a mistake, a new Associated Press-Ipsos poll finds.

Spy Network Is Revealed

Declassified files ID members of secret OSS service in WWII

WASHINGTON | Famed chef Julia Child shared a secret with Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg and Chicago White Sox catcher Moe Berg at a time when the Nazis threatened the world. They served in an international spy ring managed by the Office of Strategic Services, an early version of the CIA.

The secret comes out Thursday, with all of the names and previously classified files identifying nearly 24,000 spies who formed the first centralized intelligence effort by the United States. The National Archives, which this week released a list of the names found in the records, will make available for the first time all 750,000 pages identifying the vast spy network of military and civilian operatives.

They were soldiers, actors, historians, lawyers, athletes, professors and reporters. But for several years during World War II, they were known simply as the OSS. They studied military plans, created propaganda, infiltrated enemy ranks and stirred resistance among foreign troops.

The release of the OSS personnel files uncloaks one of the last secrets from the short-lived wartime intelligence agency, which for the most part later was folded into the CIA after President Truman disbanded it in 1945.

Walter Mess said he kept quiet about his OSS work for more than 50 years, only recently telling his wife of 62 years about his OSS activity.

"I was told to keep my mouth shut," said Mess, now 93 and living in Falls Church, Va. (AP)

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Cooking legend Julia Child was among the nearly 24,000 people employed by the United States in a secret spy network known as the OSS during World War II.

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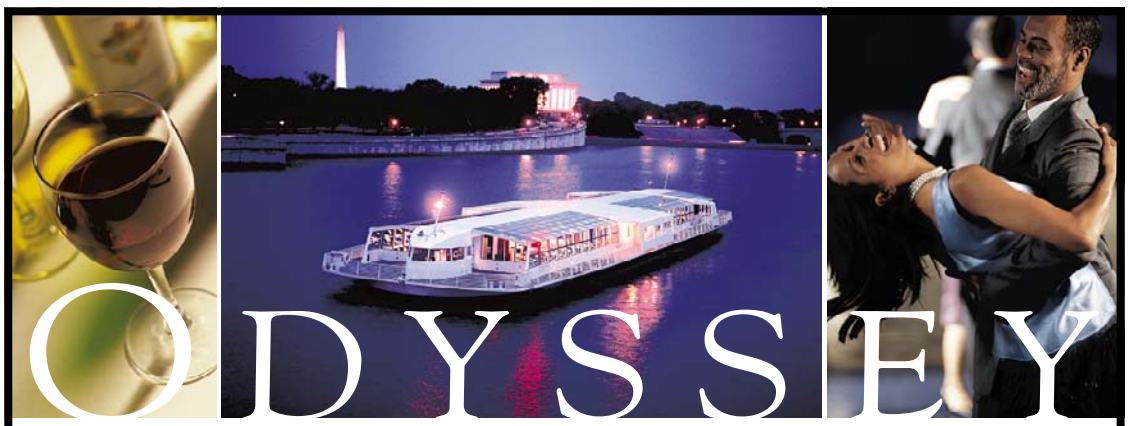

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A taxi passes Broadway in the heart of New York City's Times Square at dawn on Aug. 15, 2003, during the worst electricity blackout in North American history.

Surging Demand Tests Power Lines

Five years after record blackout, electricity infrastructure lags

COLUMBUS, OHIO | Five years after the worst blackout in North American history, the country's largest power providers say the problems that turned out the lights on 50 million people have largely been resolved, but they fear that larger, systemic issues could soon lead to even bigger and more damaging outages.

Excess capacity in the system is shrinking, and construction, as well as plans for new plants, has slowed as costs to build and operate them have soared.

At the same time, it is estimated that electricity use will increase 29 percent between 2006 and 2030 — much of it driven by residential growth, according to a government report issued in June.

"I'm really not a Chicken Little player, but I worry that no one seems to be focusing on this," said Michael Morris, chairman, president and chief executive of American Electric Power.

Industry experts back Morris and say there is even more resistance to building new plants due to the debate over climate change and opposition to new transmission lines.

The blackout five years ago Thursday shut off power to vast swaths of the Northeast and Midwest for as many as four days. Hundreds of thousands of people lost access to tap water for days in Ohio. Millions of New Yorkers, with subways shut down and office towers darkened, left the city on foot.

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> MICHAEL MORRIS, CEO OF AEP

Industry experts say it is easy for those in Washington and across the country to forget what happened five years ago, which they say will occur again on a grander scale if nothing is done.

"It's easy to take the power infrastructure for granted until something goes wrong," said Larry Makovich, vice president/senior power adviser for Cambridge Energy Research Associates in Cambridge, Mass. MARK WILLIAMS (AP)

ZERO CHANGE: London Fashion Week organizers have dropped plans that might have barred many size 0 models from the catwalk, saying industry leaders thought proposals to make models pass a medical exam were expensive and intrusive.

World

In Brief

DAR YASIN/AP

Kashmiri Muslims shout during a protest in Srinagar, India, on Wednesday.

SRINAGAR, INDIA

Violent Protests Over Plans For Hindu Shrine Spread

The violence that has roiled Indian Kashmir since June 23 — when Muslims and Hindus began protesting a plan to transfer land to a Hindu shrine in India's only Muslim-majority state — spread to other parts of India on Wednesday. In the village of Dellow, about 30 miles south of the region's main city of Srinagar, police opened fire on hundreds of protesters who were throwing rocks. Thirty-four people were wounded. (AP)

BAGHDAD

U.N. Announces Plan to Help Iraq Rebuild, Create Jobs

Five years after bombings forced the United Nations to pull out of Iraq, the world body announced plans Wednesday to help Iraq rebuild and create jobs following complaints the government has been unable or unwilling to spend its oil riches. An agreement signed by the U.N. and the Iraqi government outlined steps to help the Iraqis improve spending. The U.N. will also aid in the funding of reconstruction, development and humanitarian projects. (AP)

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA

Opposition Leaders to Meet President for Talks on Crisis

Bolivian opposition governors accepted an olive branch offered by President Evo Morales after a bitter nationwide recall election, saying Wednesday they will meet him for talks on solving the country's political crisis. Leopoldo Fernandez, governor of Pando department, announced that the five leaders will travel to the capital of La Paz for negotiations aimed at reaching "a national agreement." (AP)

Russia Defies Truce With Georgia

Military convoy enters Georgian city as U.S. vows aid for refugees

OUTSIDE GORI, GEORGIA | A Russian military convoy defied a cease-fire agreement Wednesday and rolled through a strategically important city in the former Soviet republic of Georgia, which claimed fresh looting and bombing by the Russians and their allies.

President Bush said a massive U.S. aid package was on the way for tens of thousands uprooted in the conflict and demanded Russia "keep its word and act to end this crisis."

"The United States stands with the democratically elected government of Georgia and insists that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia be respected," Bush said.

One day after the Kremlin and its smaller neighbor agreed to a truce to end the dispute over two pro-Russian breakaway territories, the pact appeared fragile at best.

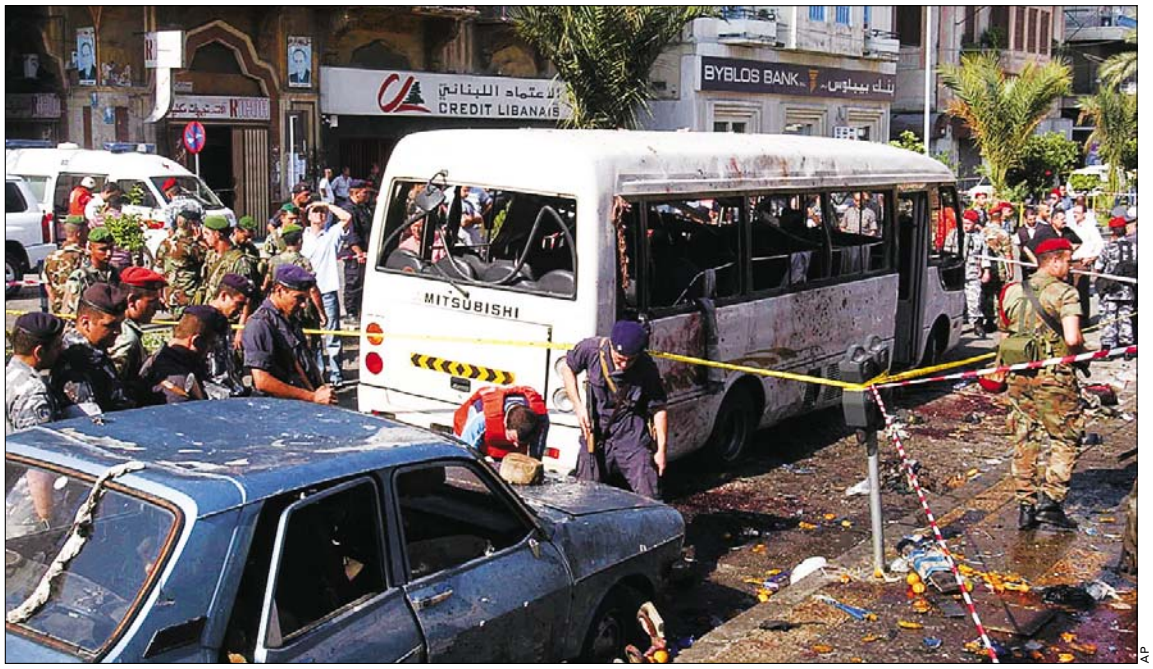
URIEL SINAI/GETTY IMAGES

Russian soldiers travel toward Tblisi, Georgia, on Wednesday. Georgia claimed the Russians and their allies looted and bombed the Georgian city of Gori.

An Associated Press reporter saw dozens of Russian trucks and armored vehicles leaving the city of Gori, about 20 miles south of the separatist region of South Ossetia, and moving deeper into Georgia.

Georgian officials said the Russians looted and bombed Gori before they left. Moscow denied the claim.

Besides the hundreds killed since hostilities broke out last week, a U.N. agency estimates 100,000 Georgians may have been uprooted. A spokesman said the U.N. refugee agency was helping evacuate about 1,500 people fleeing the Kodori Gorge in the breakaway province of Abkhazia alone on Wednesday. CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA AND MATTI FRIEDMAN (AP)



AP

Police inspect a street after a bomb exploded near a bus, killing 18 soldiers and civilians, in Tripoli, Lebanon, on Wednesday.

Roadside Bomb Kills 18 in Lebanon

Al-Qaeda-inspired group suspected in explosion near bus

TRIPOLI, LEBANON | A roadside bomb packed with nuts and bolts exploded near a bus in this northern city Wednesday, killing 18 soldiers and civilians in Lebanon's deadliest bombing in more than three years.

Many suspected the attack was staged by an al-Qaeda-inspired group to avenge a 2007 military offensive. Some questioned whether it was an attempt to disrupt a trip by Lebanese President Michel Suleiman to Syria later in the day to patch up relations between the neighboring nations.

The bomb, detonated by remote control, went off about 8 a.m., just as the bus pulled to the curb to pick up passengers in Tripoli. It flung shrapnel through the bus and the nearby sidewalk crowded with people headed to work.

The bus — coming from Akkar, a region farther north where many military personnel live — was pockmarked with holes, its windows shattered. Soldiers and bystanders carried away dozens of wounded survivors on a street that was littered with glass. BASSEM MROUE (AP)

Lebanon, Syria To Establish Full Diplomatic Ties

DAMASCUS, SYRIA | Syria and Lebanon agreed Wednesday to establish full diplomatic relations for the first time in a step toward healing tensions that have fueled decades of turmoil in Lebanon.

Suleiman

The two countries have not had full relations since they won independence from France in the 1940s — seen by many Lebanese as a sign Syria never gave up claims that its smaller neighbor is part of its territory.

The decision to open embassies came during a landmark visit to Syria by Lebanese President Michel Suleiman. It was the first such visit by a Lebanese head of state in the more than three years since Syria withdrew its troops and ended decades of domination of Lebanon. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: An Italian group says it has collected about 2,000 online signatures on a petition calling for Pope Benedict XVI to give up his ermine-trimmed attire.

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World

Taliban Kills 3 Aid Workers in SUV

Westerners, driver are fatally shot in ambush on main Afghan road

PUL-E-ALAM, AFGHANISTAN | Taliban fighters with assault rifles shredded a U.S. aid group's SUV with dozens of bullets Wednesday, killing three Western women and their Afghan driver amid an escalating militant onslaught against humanitarian workers in Afghanistan.

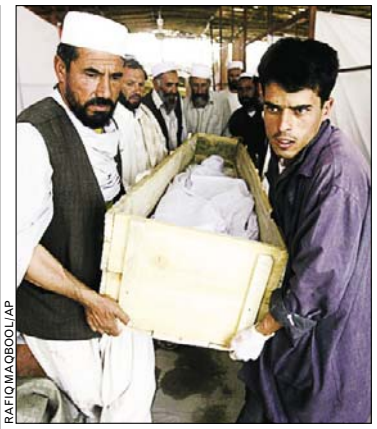
The ambush of two clearly marked aid vehicles on the main road south of Kabul was the latest in a record number of attacks on aid groups this year — a surge that has workers questioning whether they can safely provide services in remote and dangerous areas.

The group whose workers were slain, the New York-based International Rescue Committee, announced it was suspending its Afghan humanitarian programs indefinitely.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the killings, saying its fighters attacked two vehicles of "the foreign invader forces."

"They were not working for the interests of Afghanistan, and they belonged to those countries whose forces ... took Afghanistan's freedom," Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid told The Associated Press.

AMIR SHAH AND FISNIK ABRASHI (AP)



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Afghan workers carry the coffin of an aid worker who was killed Wednesday.

WEST BANK | PALESTINIANS MOURN POET

MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/AP

GOODBYE: A crowd surrounds the convoy carrying the coffin of poet Mahmoud Darwish, who gave a voice to the Palestinians' longing for independence, during his funeral procession Wednesday in Ramallah, West Bank.

GREEN WINS GOLD: The Beijing Olympic Village won its own gold medal on Wednesday for going green. U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson presented Chinese officials with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design award, saying the 160-acre area could serve as a future prototype for energy efficiency and eco-friendly design.

Chinese Police Detain 8 Protesters

Journalist who tried to report on pro-Tibet rally was also seized

BEIJING | Police detained eight foreign activists and a British journalist attempting to cover their protest, as the latest in a series of demonstrations spurred jumpiness about dissent during the Olympics.

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Seven of the activists were Americans; the eighth was a half-Tibetan woman with Japanese citizenship, said Lhadon Tethong, executive director of Students for a Free Tibet, the group that organized the protest.

John Ray of London-based ITV News said he was detained as he rushed to the Chinese Ethnic Culture Park, south of the main Olympic stadium, where two protesters were blocking the main entrance and unfurling a "Free Tibet" banner on a park bridge.

KYODO NEWS/AP

Chinese police seize pro-Tibet activists at a park near the main Olympic stadium in Beijing on Wednesday. Eight protesters and a British journalist were detained.

Five other activists blocked the entrance of the park, which features a Tibet-related exhibit, and handcuffed themselves to each other and to bicycles around them.

The demonstration was the largest in a string of brief protests in Beijing since the games began. Most of the demonstrations have involved fewer than five people; foreign participants have been deported.

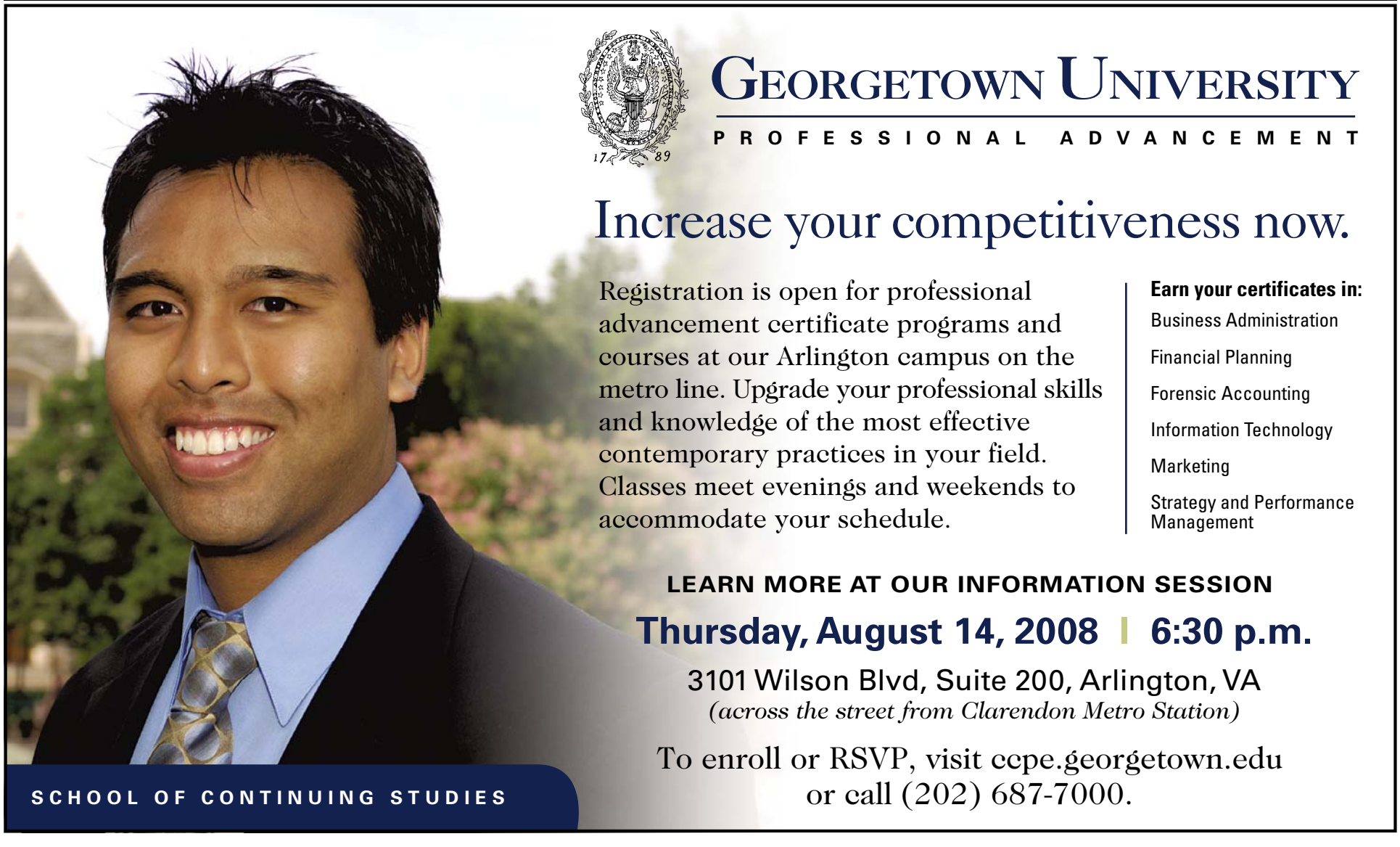
At a briefing Wednesday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang issued a stern warning: "No matter Chinese citizens or foreigners, in China if you want to have processions or demonstrations, you should abide by Chinese laws and regulations." AUDRA ANG (AP)

China: Terrorists May Have Aided Western Attacks

URUMQI, CHINA | China said Wednesday that some evidence suggests terrorist groups may have been involved in a series of attacks in the Muslim territory of Xinjiang, far from the Olympics in Beijing.

Since the assaults began nine days ago, killing 31 people, authorities have been playing down the possible connection with terror groups that may be operating in Xinjiang, a sprawling region of deserts and mountains bordering eight Central Asian nations.

But Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said Wednesday, "there is evidence to indicate that East Turkestan forces may be behind these events." Militant groups that seek to split Xinjiang from China often use the term "East Turkestan."(AP)



Money

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Analysts are worried that back-to-school retail sales will decrease because of the Unites States' many economic problems.

Stimulus Checks Run Out

Retailers see first sales drop in 5 months after boost from tax rebates

WASHINGTON | Retail sales delivered the weakest performance in five months in July as shoppers shunned autos and paid more for gas.

With the mass mailings of $92 billion in rebate checks now just a memory, there is concern the fragile economy could slow even more in the second half of this year.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that retail sales fell 0.1 percent last month, the first decline since a 0.5 percent tumble in February. It was a worse showing than the flat reading economists had been expecting and followed a revised but still weak 0.3 percent reading for June.

Analysts said retail sales would have been more feeble without the $92 billion in rebate payments the government sent out in May, June and July. Those checks helped to counter plunging home prices, rising unemployment and soaring gasoline prices.

The bulk mailings are now over, though, leaving economists worried about what will happen next.

"Cautious and uncertain consumers are watching their wallets, and with the back-to-school shopping season under way, that does not bode well for retailers," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors.

Department store Macy's Inc. said Wednesday that its second-quarter earnings dropped slightly and warned that full-year profits will be below expectations.

Auto sales fell by 2.4 percent in July — another dismal month for automakers who saw sales activity plunge to the lowest level in 16 years. MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

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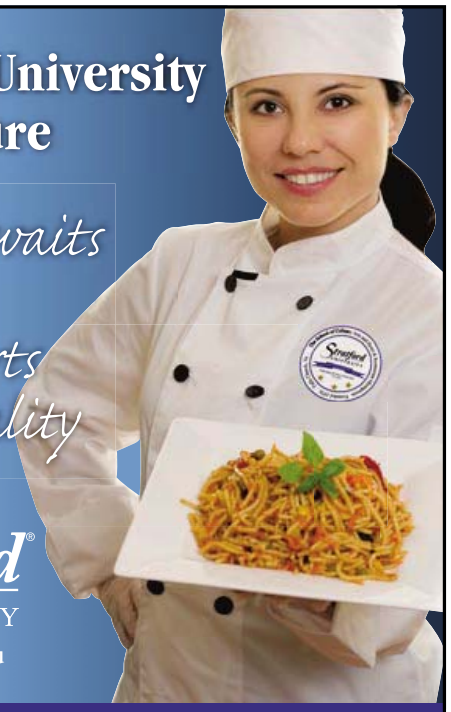

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GOING OFF-ROAD: As summer vacation season kicked in, Americans hopped out of their cars, driving 12.2 billion fewer miles in June than in the same month a year earlier. The Federal Highway Administration reported the 4.7 percent drop in driving Wednesday.

PAUL SAKUMA/AP FILE

Best Buy will be the first independent retailer to sell Apple's popular iPhone.

Best Buy to Sell iPhones Soon

NEW YORK | Best Buy Co. will start selling the iPhone on Sept. 7, becoming first U.S. chain to do so outside of Apple Inc.'s and AT&T Inc.'s own stores.

Wednesday's announcement by Best Buy expands the availability of Apple's vaunted phone to 970 full-size stores and 16 smaller Best Buy Mobile stores. The deal is also a coup for the Minneapolis-based electronics chain, which has been upgrading its cell phone departments. Best Buy also resells Apple's Mac computers and iPod media players. (AP)

Volt Engineers Race Against Time

New electric car could change auto industry if it's finished in time

TRAVERSE CITY, MICH. | Early versions of the Chevrolet Volt's battery packs are powerful enough to run the high-stakes rechargeable car, but dozens of issues remain before General Motors Corp. can start selling the revolutionary vehicle in 2010 as planned.

The Volt's chief engineer is on a tight schedule to figure out how the car will handle the batteries' weight, dissipate their heat and mechanically transfer their power to the wheels. That's not to mention the list of issues that have nothing to do with the fact that the car plugs into the wall for recharging.

But the 47-year-old veteran GM engineer who was recruited from a GM post in Germany to run the high-profile project is driven by knowing the entire company's future could rest with it.

"At this point, there's nothing standing in our way of continuing to do what we said we're going to do," said Andrew Farah, the Volt's chief engineer.

Work on the Volt, introduced as a concept car at the 2007 Detroit auto show, has taken on a more urgent pace with gasoline hovering near $4 per gallon and the U.S. auto market dramatically shifting from trucks to cars.

Although GM has promised to begin selling the Volt in a little more than two years, experts wonder whether it will be ready in time, whether enough batteries will be available to sell the cars in significant numbers, and whether the cost can be reduced to make the car affordable to the masses. GM has said the Volt will cost $30,000 to $40,000.

Brett Smith, assistant director for manufacturing and technology at the Center for Automotive Research, said even in small volumes, the Volt is a game-changer.

"It's an entirely different technology. It's an entirely different powertrain layout. It's a huge step forward," he said. TOM KRISHER (AP

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An early version of the Chevrolet Volt concept car is introduced at a GM Style event in Detroit. GM wants to sell the car by 2010.

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Local

21.8 | **The average score** of Virginia students who took the ACT college entrance exam in 2008. That score is up from 21.4 in 2007. The number of Virginia students who took the ACT also increased, from 14,653 in 2007 to 16,896 this year.

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Former Delaware State President to Head UDC

Allen Lee Sessoms will be the next president of the University of the District of Columbia, university sources said Wednesday. The District's public university has been without a permanent leader since last summer, when then-president William Pollard was forced out by trustees who were dissatisfied with his leadership and the pace of change at UDC. Sessoms, 61, who earned a doctorate in physics from Yale University, taught at Harvard and served in the State Department before becoming president of Delaware State University in 2003. (AP)

Sessoms

BALTIMORE

Former CareFirst CEO Challenges Severance Cut

Former CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield CEO William Jews has filed a lawsuit challenging a decision by a Maryland regulator that cut his $18 million severance in half. A lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Baltimore says the ruling last month by Insurance Commissioner Ralph Tyler was unconstitutional. The lawsuit, which seeks full payment from CareFirst, also names the company as a defendant. Tyler ruled that the severance package violated a 2003 law limiting executive compensation to "fair and reasonable" amounts. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Man Is Seriously Injured At D.C. Construction Site

Authorities say a 42-year-old man was seriously injured at a construction site in Southeast Washington. D.C. fire department spokesman Alan Etter said the man had been installing an elevator door on the seventh floor of the building when a piece of equipment struck his head. The incident occurred about 1:15 p.m. Wednesday at the New Jersey Avenue site. Etter says crews used a crane to rescue the man, who was 70 feet above the ground. (AP)

Zoo's Giant Panda Is Not Pregnant

Officials think Mei Xiang suffered false pregnancy or lost fetus

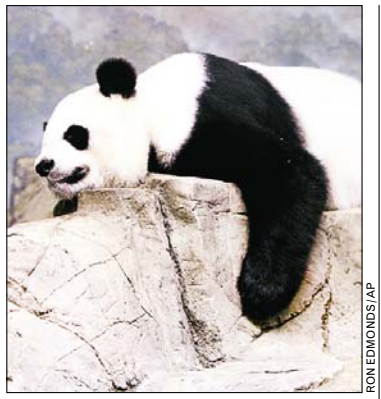
The National Zoo announced Wednesday that its female Giant Panda, Mei Xiang, will not have a cub this year.

It is the second consecutive year that the panda was artificially inseminated and experienced either a pseudopregnancy or the loss of a developing fetus, the zoo said.

Giant pandas, native to China, are endangered. There are only about 1,600 in the wild and slightly more than 200 in captivity. Panda reproduction in captivity has been problematic.

The 230-pound Mei Xiang was artificially inseminated at 2:45 p.m. on March 19 with sperm from the zoo's adult male panda, Tian Tian, after the pair failed to mate successfully.

And as in previous years, over the succeeding months, Mei Xiang began exhibiting some prenatal behaviors.



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Mei Xiang is not pregnant, though she was thought to be earlier this year.

After ovulating, a panda almost always undergoes changes associated with a pregnancy in case she conceives, zoo experts said.

And even when there is conception, a panda embryo might "float" for a time before implanting in the uterus or be reabsorbed into the panda's body and disappear.

The zoo said there were some changes in the panda's uterus that could have indicated a pregnancy, but ultrasound tests as recently as Aug. 2 did not show a fetus.

MICHAEL E. RUANE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

GAITHERSBURG, MD. | SPEED OF SNOUT

MICHAEL WILLIAMSON/TWP

HOG WILD: Children and adults cheer on the pig races at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair in Gaithersburg, Md., Wednesday. The No. 11 pig, wearing the blue ribbon, beat the No. 26 pig, yellow ribbon, by a length.

Another Guilty Plea In D.C. Tax Scam Case

A former friend of the woman at the center of the D.C. tax scandal pleaded guilty Wednesday to money laundering and other charges tied to her participation in a scheme that authorities allege siphoned nearly $50 million from the District government.

In pleading guilty to possession of stolen property, money laundering and mortgage fraud, Alethia Grooms, 52, admitted in U.S. District Court that she accepted about $650,000 in funds tied to the scam.

She was scheduled to plead guilty at a hearing on July 30 but disputed key facts presented by the government. U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan then continued the hearing until Wednesday.

Grooms said she no longer disputed the facts involving the acceptance of a $145,000 cashier's check in 2007 from the scam's alleged ringleader, Harriette Walters, a former mid-level employee in the D.C. tax office.

"I'm pleading guilty because I am guilty," Grooms said.

Including Grooms, nine people have pleaded guilty in the tax scandal, which became public in November. Three others still face charges: Walters, her niece Jayrece Turnbull and former tax office employee Diane Gustus.

DEL QUENTIN WILBER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

D.C. Teachers to Protest Salary Plan

A group of D.C. public school teachers who want Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee's salary proposal to come to a union vote say they will demonstrate outside Washington Teachers' Union headquarters at 9 a.m. Thursday.

The protest is being promoted on the blog D.C. Teacher Chic, and several teachers have told The Washington Post of their plans to participate.

The teachers are upset by reports that union president George Parker is opposed to a provision of Rhee's plan that would require instructors to go on probation for a year and risk dismissal in order to remain in the top tier of proposed salaries and bonuses.

The pay schedule could yield more than $100,000 annually for teachers with just five years of service. Teachers also have the option under Rhee's system of taking less money and retaining tenure protections.

BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Aug. 13

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-1-9
Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.)	1-2-0
Mid-day DC 4	9-3-6-6
Evening DC 4 (Tues.)	9-5-3-9
Rolling Cash Five (Tues.)	2-6-14-16-24
Daily 6 (Tues.)	6-13-14-15-18-37 Bonus: 21

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Mega Millions (Tues.)	2-7-23-38-40
Mega Ball	40

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	8-5-6
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	0-9-6
Mid-day Pick 4	3-2-6-1
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	0-9-1-8
Match 5 (Tues.)	17-18-27-31-37 Bonus: 14

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-1-6
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	1-9-6
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-9-8-3
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	6-0-2-0
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	7-14-25-28-33
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	6-22-23-30-31

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

12 | **The number, in thousands,** of calories Michael Phelps eats per day, according to the New York Post. The average male in the same age group needs to ingest about 2,000 calories a day, but the average male doesn't swim 17 races in a nine-day span.

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Phelps Sets Olympic Gold Standard

Enormity of swimmer's accomplishments is now starting to sink in

OLYMPIC SWIMMING | Michael Phelps finally seems to be grasping what it all means.

Maybe it started to sink in when the president showed up at the Water Cube and came back for an encore. Maybe he got a better idea when all those NBA superstars led the cheers for him. Maybe it was those relentless text messages from friends back home.

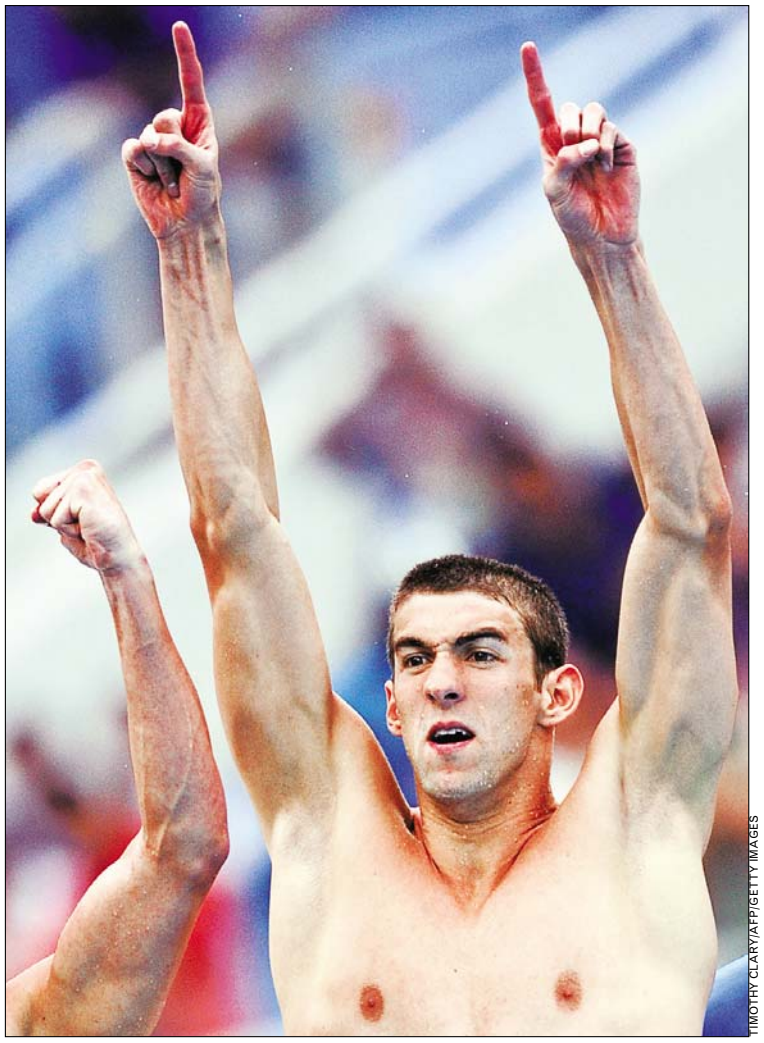
Maybe he listened when the race announcer at the pool said in a deep, authoritative voice: "Michael Phelps, greatest Olympian ever."

"Growing up, I always wanted to be an Olympian," Phelps said later. "I just kept thinking, 'Wow, greatest Olympian of all time.' It's a pretty cool title."

After winning five gold medals and setting five world records over the course of four days, Phelps got a bit of a respite Thursday at the Beijing Games. He merely had the semifinals of the 200-meter individual medley in the morning, followed by the preliminaries of the 100 butterfly in the evening. By Phelps' standards, a rather light day.

The 10th and 11th gold medals of Phelps' career left Mark Spitz, Carl Lewis and co. in the dust. And he's still aiming to win three more before he leaves China, which would take down the record he really wants: Spitz's seven-gold performance from 36 years ago.

Judging by the way he's swimming, it would likely take a fluke for Phelps to miss out on Spitz's record. "He is just a normal person, but maybe from a different planet," said Russia's Alexander Sukhorukov. PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)



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Michael Phelps surged past Carl Lewis and Mark Spitz by winning his 10th and 11th gold medals Wednesday. He still has a shot at three more golds this week in Beijing.

Phelps tracker

G: GOLD S: SILVER B: BRONZE

- G **1. 4x100m Individual Medley** AUG. 9, 10 P.M.
- G **2. 4x100m Freestyle Relay** AUG. 10, 11:01 P.M.
- G **3. 200m Freestyle** AUG. 11, 10:13 P.M.
- G **4. 200m Butterfly** AUG. 12, 10:18 P.M.
- G **5. 4x200m Freestyle Relay** AUG. 12, 11:16 P.M.
- — **6. 200m Individual Medley** AUG. 14, 10:45 P.M.
- — **7. 100m Butterfly** AUG. 15, 10:07 P.M.
- — **8. 4x100m Medley Relay** AUG. 16, 10:55 P.M.

Sacramone Can't Find a Silver Lining

U.S. gymnast blames herself for the team's falling short of China

OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS | They call gymnastics a team sport, but everyone knows better than that.

They say nobody loses a gold medal all by themselves, but Alicia Sacramone wasn't buying it.

"No one else made mistakes," Sacramone said Wednesday. "So, it's kind of my fault."

She fell off the beam before her routine had really even started.

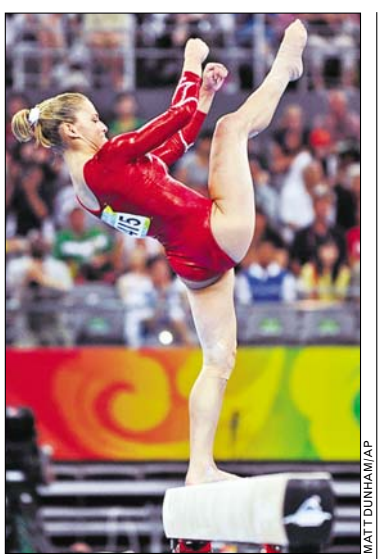
She fell on her backside in the middle of her floor exercise.

She sat on the stairs, her head buried in her hands, trying to be tough, to live up to the den-mother persona she has earned as the captain of the American team.

She and her teammates walked away with a silver medal — not the goal for a team with the world's two best gymnasts, Shawn Johnson and Nastia Liukin, and all that gold-medal potential. "I think everybody knows you always have good days and bad days," Sacramone said after America's loss to China. "I just wish today was a good day."

One thing in hours of practice the team couldn't simulate is how to react when a "TV hold" causes a two-minute delay while Sacramone is waiting to go. That's what happened Wednesday.

USA Gymnastics president Steve Penny said these kinds of delays are part of the sport and nobody was accusing anybody of gamesmanship when Sacramone was left standing there. "It's a non-issue," Penny said. "In no way, shape or form are we going to appeal or anything. In no way, shape or form are we blaming anyone for this." EDDIE PELLS (AP)



MATT DUNHAM/AP

U.S. gymnast Alicia Sacramone stumbles on the balance beam Wednesday.

"If it's tears you want, the kind you feel inside when you see a small girl in glitter makeup trying to pretend she's 16 ... when she may only be 14, then National Indoor Stadium was the place to come."

Thomas Boswell casts a skeptical eye on the Chinese women's gymnastics team | **Today's Sports**

IN The Washington Post

Medal Tracker

10 GOLD | 8 SILVER | 11 BRONZE

▲ **UNITED STATES** TOTAL: **29**

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
CHINA	17	5	5	27
SOUTH KOREA	6	6	1	13
AUSTRALIA	4	2	6	12
RUSSIA	2	7	3	12
ITALY	4	4	3	11
FRANCE	1	7	3	11
GERMANY	6	1	2	9
JAPAN	4	2	3	9
GREAT BRITAIN	2	2	3	7
NORTH KOREA	1	2	4	7

Record Breakers

↑ 158 kg

Liu Chunhong broke three world records in the women's 69-kilogram division Wednesday, defending her Olympic title to win China's sixth gold medal in the weight lifting competition. Liu set a new high score of 128 kg (282.2 pounds) in her third attempt in the snatch. She then lifted 158 kg (348.3 pounds), above, to set a new top mark in the clean and jerk. Her total of 286 kg (630.52 pounds) also was a world record, beating the previous mark by an astounding 10 kg (22.1 pounds).

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It Must Be the Last Name

American cyclist Kristin Armstrong won the gold medal in the road time trial Wednesday, her time of 34:51.72 over the 14.6-mile course nearly a half-minute better than Britain's Emma Pooley's time. Armstrong joined only Connie Carpenter-Phinney, who won the road race at Los Angeles 24 years ago, as U.S. women's cycling gold medalists.

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MS. PERFECT: Lisa Leslie set a U.S. Olympic record, going 7-for-7 from the field as the women's basketball team continued its unblemished run in the Beijing Games with a 97-41 victory against Mali. The U.S.' average Olympic margin of victory is 47.

WEIGHT LIFTING | THE EXTRAORDINARY AGONY OF DEFEAT

PHIL WALTER/GETTY IMAGES

TOO GREAT A WEIGHT: Janos Baranyai of Hungary screams in pain after dropping the weights during the men's 77 kg weight lifting competition Wednesday in Beijing. After dislocating his right elbow, Baranyai was taken to the hospital for an evaluation. While his Olympics are over, Baranyai will be able to lift competitively by next year.

Nigeria Ousts U.S. From Olympics

Soccer team's rally falls short of tie needed to advance to quarters

OLYMPIC SOCCER | An early slip-up against Nigeria left the United States playing a desperate game of catch-up that ultimately failed and resulted in its elimination from the Beijing Olympics.

The Americans, forced to play with 10 men from the third minute, lost 2-1 to Nigeria on Wednesday after coming close to scoring the equalizing goal in the frantic final minutes that would have put them through to the quarterfinals.

Despite getting off to its best Olympic start after opening with a win over Japan and a draw with the Netherlands, the U.S. team finished third in Group B.

"Everyone was disappointed, but we came into this game with the right mentality. But it was just too difficult, and we had some tough luck," U.S. striker Brian McBride said.

The injury-time equalizer that the Americans conceded against the Dutch in the previous game proved too costly. "We were very close three days ago to putting our stamp on international soccer," U.S. coach Peter Nowak said. "Even tonight we were very close again. "

Substitute Benny Feilhaber headed onto the post two minutes after Sacha Kljestan had converted a penalty in the 88th minute. But Michael Orozco's third-minute ejection provided Nigeria with an early lift, and its attacking lineup took an advantage that it nearly squandered.

Promise Isaac scored in the 39th with an easy tap-in off Chinedu Ogbuke Obasi's centering pass, and Victor Obinna curled a right-footed shot into the top of goal in the 80th. PAUL LOGOTHETIS (AP)

SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGES

Danny Szetela of the United States kicks the ball in front of Nigeria's Victor Obinna on Wednesday. The Americans lost 2-1 and were eliminated from the Olympics.

Spaniards On Defense Over Photo

Basketball players say controversial ad was meant to be funny

OLYMPICS | Players on Spain's Olympic basketball team defended a photo in an ad showing the players using their fingers to apparently make their eyes look more Chinese.

The photo, which has been running as a newspaper spread in Spain since Friday, shows all 15 players making the gesture on a basketball court adorned with a Chinese dragon. The photo was part of a publicity campaign for team sponsor Seur, a Spanish courier company, and is being used only in Spain.

"It was something like supposed to be funny or something, but never offensive in any way," said Spain center Pau Gasol, who also plays for the Los Angeles Lakers. "I'm sorry if anybody thought or took it the wrong way and thought that it was offensive."

International media criticized the photo. London's Daily Telegraph said Spain's "poor reputation for insensitivity toward racial issues has been further harmed" by the photo. PAUL LOGOTHETIS (AP)

what to watch

Women's swimming

11:04 P.M. At 41, Dara Torres became the oldest swimmer to win a medal when she anchored the 4x100 m freestyle relay to a second-place finish on Sunday. Now, she hopes to become the oldest to win an individual event when she competes in the 100 m freestyle. NBC

8 A.M. Men's basketball, Group B preliminaries, Greece vs. USA. USA

10:30 A.M. Men's baseball, men's preliminaries, USA vs. Netherlands. USA

10 P.M. Men's volleyball, Group A preliminaries, USA vs. Bulgaria. NBC

11:15 P.M. Women's gymnastics, individual all-around final. NBC

12 A.M. Women's softball, women's preliminaries, Canada vs. USA. CNBC

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BASEBALL | S. KOREA UPSETS UNITED STATES

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FIRST STRIKE: South Korea's baseball team celebrates after Taekkeun Lee scores the winning run in the ninth inning to defeat the United States 8-7 in both teams' first game of the Olympics. The U.S. next plays the Netherlands.

Team USA Rides No-Hitter to Win

Osterman, Bustos lead softball team to 3-0 victory vs. Aussies

OLYMPIC SOFTBALL | Cat Osterman makes a softball do crazy things. Fired from her left hand, she can twist it, spin it, make it rise like a kite or drop like a rock.

On Wednesday, she hurled it at the Australians.

They barely touched it.

Osterman pitched a no-hitter and the Americans recorded their second straight shutout at the Beijing Games with a 3-0 win to extend their Olympics winning streak to 16.

Natasha Watley hit an RBI single off Tanya Harding to snap a 0-0 tie in the fifth inning, and power hitter Crystl Bustos added a two-run homer in the sixth as the U.S. team moved another win closer to a fourth consecutive gold medal.

Osterman out-dueled Harding, who has handed the U.S. two of its four losses since 1996.

ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

U.S. pitcher Cat Osterman tossed a no-hitter Wednesday to beat Australia.

"It's good to get a game like this under our belts," Osterman said. "It's good to have your backs against the wall every now and then. It shows how we keep fighting." TOM WITHERS (AP)

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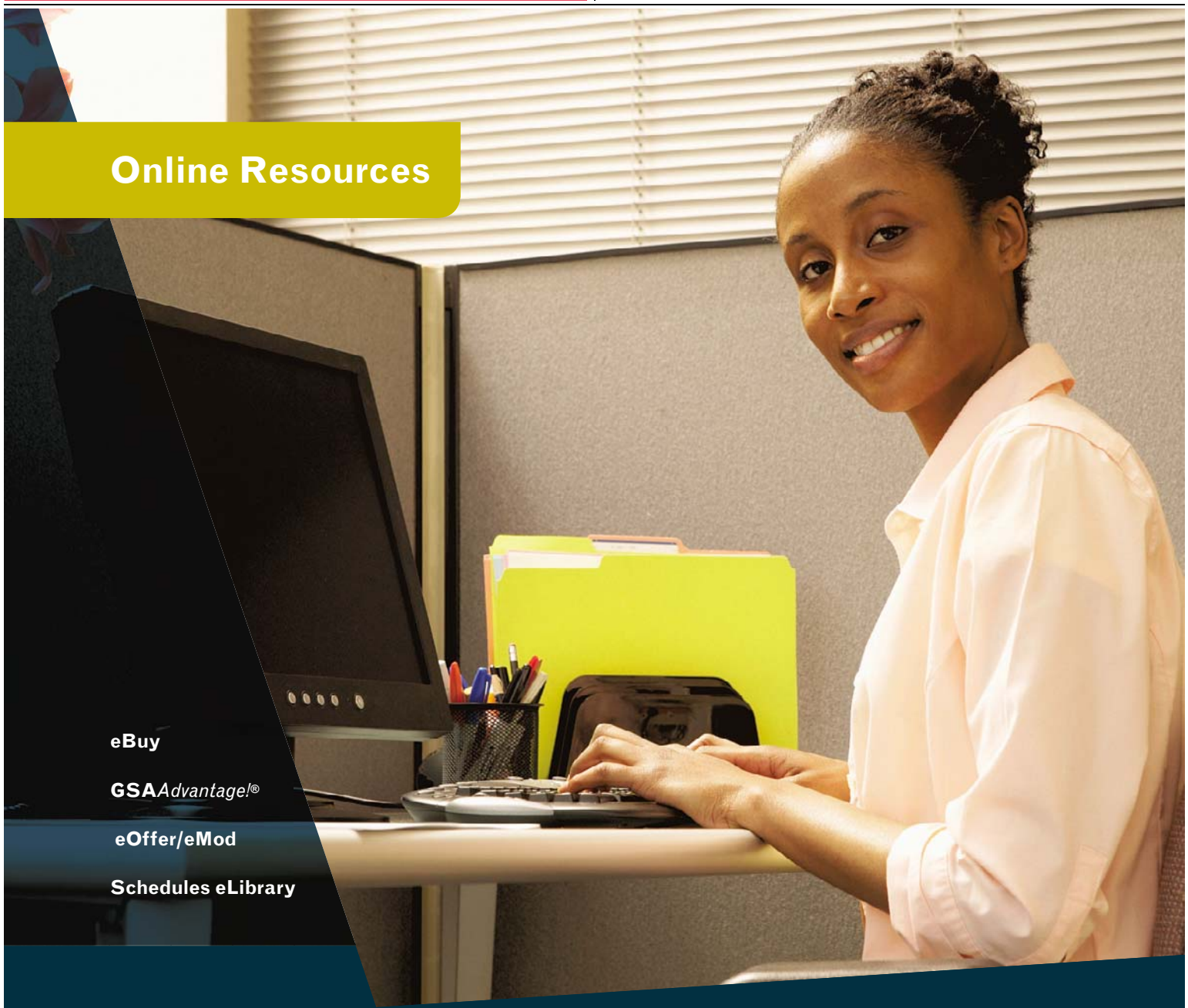

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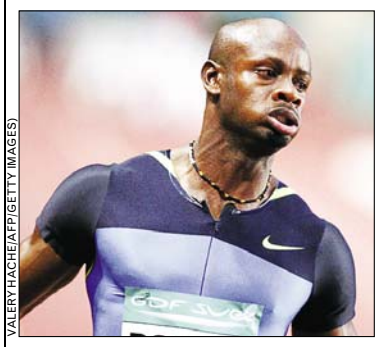

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Asafa Powell of Jamaica will seek to regain his world record in the 100 m.

Mouths Barely Running

Trio of elite sprinters bypass most trash talk ahead of 100 meters

OLYMPIC TRACK | Maurice Greene or Carl Lewis would be appalled — or at least bored. Such an array of speed in the 100 meters at the Olympics, with scant boasting to back it up.

Tyson Gay, Usain Bolt and Asafa Powell own the eight fastest dash times in history, forming a trio everyone else is eager to predict will produce as spectacular a Summer Games men's dash final Saturday as there's ever been.

Instead of hyping it the way some of track and field's sprinters of the past would have, these guys are about as humble as could be.

U.S. record-holder Gay went way out on this limb: "If everything goes well, someone could run a pretty good time."

Indeed, Powell, a Jamaican, is a member of the trio that has come the closest to braggadocio in the buildup to the preliminary heats in the 100 Friday, when track and field begins at the Bird's Nest.

And even the remarks from Powell, whose world mark Bolt took 2½ months ago, were relatively tame. "A lot of people are saying that, you know, that Usain and Tyson are very strong finishers," Powell said. "But, you know, if I get out there in front of them, then no matter how hard they are finishing, they won't even close on me." HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Sports

Rookie End Gets A Third Chance

Dorian Smith is back with Redskins after being cut twice already

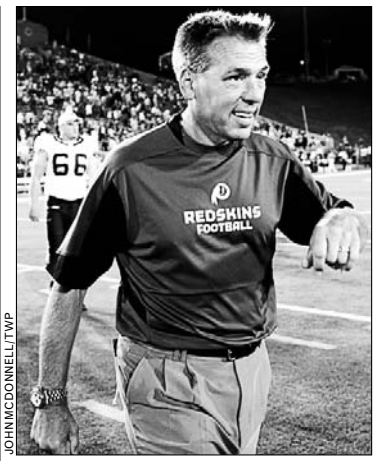
REDSKINS | Dorian Smith spent the first two preseason games calling out plays a coast away.

Twice cut by the Washington Redskins, the defensive end ate canned food, slept on frat brothers' couches, worked out five times daily at Oregon State and watched the Redskins games on television while awaiting one more chance.

It finally came. Signed for the third time on Tuesday, Smith will play against the New York Jets on Saturday.

"It's the love of the game. I live for football," Smith said. "To have them cut me, no matter how many times, just made me go home hungrier and work out harder. I get another opportunity to play football. It's a lot easier [to return] because I got to know the people. That cuts some of the uncertainty out. I just need to learn to hold my own."

Smith was an All-Pac-10 first-teamer last season for the Beavers with 42 tackles and six sacks. Yet, he went undrafted and quickly learned rookie free agents are at the bottom of roster pecking orders. Smith carried defensive end Jason Taylor's pads and helmets off the practice field on Wednesday.



JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Jim Zorn, above, said he'll give Dorian Smith a closer look at defensive end.

Still, there's something about Smith that coach Jim Zorn likes. Despite twice giving Smith the pink slip, Zorn felt another chance was merited.

"It truly was a numbers situation," Zorn said. "To his credit, he stayed ready and he didn't burn bridges, and we didn't burn our bridges with him. Now we'll have a chance to have a real good look." (AP)

Favre Suffering From 'Fatigued' Arm

FOOTBALL | Brett Favre says his rocket right arm feels "fatigued" — but not sore — during a break from his fifth day of practice with the New York Jets.

"My arm's kind of dragging a little bit today," the quarterback said Wednesday after the Jets' morning session. "It's not really sore, but just fatigued. To be honest with you, I'm surprised that — I don't want to say I feel good — that I've been able to make it through every practice so far." (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN) The New York Mets hope to put a halt to their bullpen woes when they wrap up their three-game series in Washington against the Nationals.

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN2) In his first start since shutting out the league's best offense when he pitched six scoreless innings against the Texas Rangers, Orioles starter Daniel Cabrera takes the hill against the Cleveland Indians.

FOOTBALL (8 P.M. ON FOX) Wide receiver Steve Smith suffered a concussion in his preseason opener and may not play when his Carolina Panthers face the Philadelphia Eagles in preseason play.

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PROUD PAPA TO 'PYTHON' PLAYER: "American Idol" alum Clay Aiken, who recently became a father, will return in September to the New York company of "Monty Python's Spamalot," in which he again will play the role of Sir Robin.

Entertainment

DAVE HOGAN/GETTY IMAGES

SING IT, GIRL: Hudson performs at Black Ball U.K. to benefit an HIV/AIDS charity in July. Her album is due out in September.

A Triple Threat

'American Idol' and 'Dreamgirls' star to drop her first album

FINALLY | It's easy to forget Jennifer Hudson's youth, perhaps thanks to the years she's spent in the pop culture spotlight.

At 26, her career path may be impossible to duplicate: She went from being a choir singer at her church in her hometown of Chicago to a Disney Cruise Line chanteuse to an "American Idol" contestant to an Academy Award winner for best supporting actress for her role in "Dreamgirls." Thanks to the ever-expanding entertainment landscape, what this means is that Hudson has built a significant career on a multiple-octave voice — without releasing an album.

All that changes Sept. 30, when her self-titled debut drops.

"Jennifer Hudson" defies classifying and will offer up everything from pop to R&B to gospel. In the end, the theme of the album is simple: play to the crowd.

"Jennifer Hudson" features a gospel tribute to her days in the church choir with a rendition of "Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There" and a track that Diane Warren penned for the singer's lung-busting balladeer side, "You Pull Me Through." The album will also include the classic "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" from "Dreamgirls" and "All Dressed in Love" from the recent "Sex and the City" soundtrack.

"It is risky, because people expect you to just do one thing," Hudson says. "I'm going to take the chance and show what else is a part of me."

Besides Warren, among the collaborators on "Jennifer Hudson" are Ludacris, Robin Thicke, Rock City, Timbaland, Tank and the Underdogs. The first single, "Spotlight," produced by Stargate and written and co-produced by Ne-Yo, is No. 14 on Billboard's Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart. So far, digital sales are at 51,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Under contention for the second single is the sassy collaboration with Ludacris, "Pocketbook," on which Hudson coyly threatens to use her purse to whup a man who crosses the line between flirting and leering. The track was written by the Clutch and produced by Timbaland, and when Hudson was recording the song in London, Ludacris just happened to be in the studio and offered his services. "He's, like, 'I gotta get on that,' " Hudson recalls.

The label hopes that the album's diversity will appeal to the broad spectrum of Hudson's fans, from moviegoers to those who still pen irate blog posts about her ejection in the No. 7 spot during the third season of "American Idol."

ANN DONAHUE (BILLBOARD)

PETER KRAMER/AP

KING 2.0: He's churning out haunting books and innovative ways to read 'em.

King Ups The Ante With 'N.'

Author launches Webisodes to help sell his next book

HORRIFIC | What's not to like about Stephen King? This is a guy who writes as if his life depends on it: "I've taken off two months, three months at a time," he told the Los Angeles Times in 1998, "and by the end, I get really squirrelly."

What's more, King has always looked for new iterations, new delivery systems for his work. Over the years, he has put out comics and exclusive audio books; he even directed a feature film. Perhaps most significant, he was the first mainstream author to experiment with Web-only publishing, all the way back in 2000, with "Riding the Bullet" and "The Plant."

On July 25, King launched a Web-only project, an original video series based on his as-yet unpublished story "N." The idea is to post five episodes a week for five weeks — 25 in all — as an experiment in hybrid storytelling. Each episode is short, less than two minutes, and is accessible not just online but also via mobile software.

The story "N." will appear in King's next book, "Just After Sunset," which comes out in November.

DAVID L. ULIN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

A Match Made in Graceland

Graceland appeases Elvis fanatics with another collectible

DOLLED UP | The marriage didn't last long, but for the Elvis Presley faithful, the wedding day is special still. And now, Elvis fans have the official, Graceland-approved Elvis and Priscilla wedding dolls to remind them of that magical time.

"This is just another way he's making history, and we want to be part of it," said Angel Durham, who waited all night outside a Graceland souvenir shop to be the first to hand over $65 for a boxed set of the dolls, the newest additions to Mattel's Barbie series.

Durham, 38, of Whitney, Texas, was at the front of about 150 Elvis fans lined up to witness the official unveiling of the dolls, staged as part of Graceland's annual weeklong fan pilgrimage to mark the anniversary of Presley's death on Aug. 16, 1977.

GREG CAMPBELL/AP

Elvis and Priscilla can go cruising with Barbie and Ken in the pink Corvette.

The dolls, with faces painted to look like Presley and his bride, were designed from photos of the wedding. The groom sports a black paisley tuxedo while the bride wears a white beaded gown and rhinestone tiara. The couple married in Las Vegas on May 1, 1967, but formally split up by early 1972. They separated in July 1972 and were divorced in October 1973.

Mattel also issued an Elvis and Barbie doll set in the late 1990s.

WOODY BAIRD (AP)

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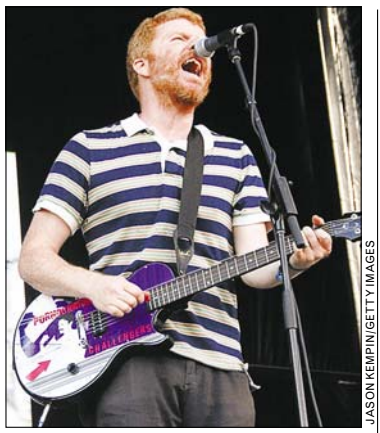
Still Winging It

With their fifth album, New Pornographers look to define sound

PROGRESS | Scrubbing your kitchen doesn't sound very rock 'n' roll, but A.C. Newman is philosophical about it when he breaks from the task to answer the phone.

"It's related to the rock 'n' roll lifestyle," he says. "Rock 'n' roll paid for my kitchen, so, I guess I owe it to my kitchen to clean the mold off of it."

Specifically, the rock 'n' roll came from the Canadian indie-rock supergroup the New Pornographers, the band Newman heads when he's not making the occasional solo album or attending to domestic chores in his Brooklyn apartment. The group has resumed a summer tour after canceling a handful of European dates that conflicted with time Newman needed to finish recording his second solo effort. Now, Newman has been musing over what the New Pornographers should do next.



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A.C. Newman just finished a solo disc.

"At the end of making this second solo album, I find myself thinking about making the next New Pornographers record, and for the first time ever, I'm actually thinking about it as a New Pornographers record," he says. "I'm thinking, 'What are our strengths?'"

The previous four albums seemed real enough. The first two were full of frenetic songs with sweeping pop hooks, and the third and fourth — including last year's "Challengers"— experimented with slower tunes and different instruments, including strings and horns. None of it has been part of any larger plan.

The band started in 1997 in Vancouver, British Columbia, with Newman and some friends, including Dan Bejar of Destroyer and big-voiced singer Neko Case, making slow progress on what would become 2000's "Mass Romantic," when time and money allowed.

Yet the growth of the band has been incremental enough that, most of the time, Newman isn't aware that anything has changed.

"It's like the movement of the hour hand on the clock. You don't notice it happening, but you look back two years and you think, 'I can't believe how far we've come.'"

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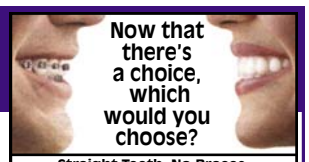

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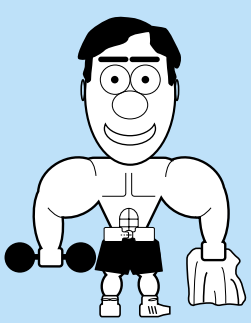

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Entertainment

Grassroots Gabbing

Tommy Chong dishes on the comedy duo's career highs and lows

REUNION | In September, Cheech and Chong will reunite for a tour, 26 years after their last live performance. That is, if Cheech Marin doesn't read Tommy Chong's newest book, "Cheech & Chong: The Unauthorized Autobiography."

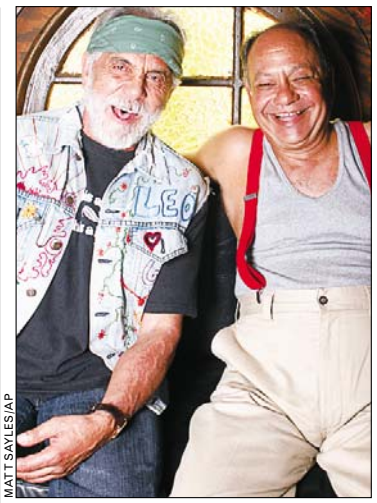
Here, Chong aims to detail the duo's years of success and to explain why they split. But the big smoke cloud he left in the 1970s and 1980s might have fogged his ability to focus, which he freely admits.

"I know some of you will thumb through the book and go directly to the end to find out what happens," he writes in a prologue. "Well, don't waste your time. Because that is not the way I write."

The first third of "Cheech & Chong," rarely mentions Cheech or comedy but details Chong's pre-comedy career as a recording artist with Motown Records. He wrote the hit song "Does Your Mama Know About Me?" — which, he claims, changed how Motown songwriters worked.

"Until 'Does Your Mama Know About Me?' came along," he writes, "R&B music had always consisted of love songs. Now songwriters started exploring the color barrier with their songs. 'Papa Was a Rolling Stone' and 'Love Child' come to mind as examples of this shift."

It takes awhile to figure out, but Chong spends so much time writing about music because it led to his comedy career. After an underground newspaper owner in Canada introduced him to his music reviewer, Richard "Cheech" Marin, an American dodging the Vietnam War, the two formed a band, and comic magic surfaced the night of their first gig.



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Comedians, Tommy Chong, left, and Cheech Marin will tour in September.

"I told the guys that Rich and I would go out and warm up the crowd with some comedy," Chong remembers, "and then we would play (or attempt to play) the tunes we rehearsed. ... One bit melted into the next until we ended the show and had both forgotten entirely about the band sitting behind their instruments, waiting to play."

Chong goes on to tell the story of their partnership — from the early years playing club dates to their six hit albums and six films, including "Los Cochinos" and "Up in Smoke."

Although both men were at fault for the split, Chong blames Cheech for wanting to be something more than a clown. He seems incensed that his former partner took parts in "Nash Bridges" and "The Lion King."

A telling moment comes when Chong recounts a question-and-answer session at the 2005 Aspen Comedy Festival: "Cheech was wearing the suit he wore in 'Nash Bridges,'" he writes, "and was very straight and dry in answering the questions. This was not the wise-cracking Chicano I had been partners with for 15 years."

JOSHUA SANDOVAL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

BECAUSE IT WAS SO GOOD THE FIRST TIME: ABC is working on a series adaptation of one of the lesser rom-coms, Jennifer Lopez's "Maid in Manhattan." Lopez will no doubt deem herself too good for the project, so casting is still in the works.

Television

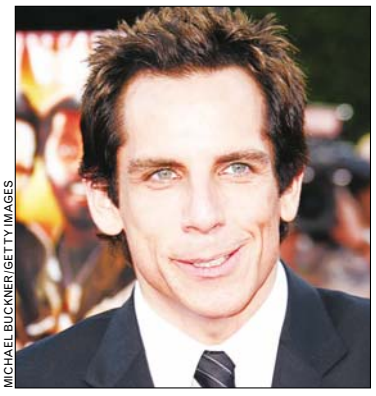
ON TV TONIGHT

AMERICAN BEAUTY
A 24-hour salute to Greer Garson includes the 1942 drama **MRS. MINIVER** (11:30 a.m., TCM), a masterpiece combining melodrama and wartime propaganda praised by Winston Churchill for furthering British-American solidarity. Garson also stars in the 1940 adaptation of Jane Austen's **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE** (8 p.m.), co-starring Laurence Olivier.

SOBBBBB! WAAAAILLLL!
Mutilated mammals wash ashore in Virginia and Scotland on **DOLPHIN MURDER MYSTERY** (8 p.m., Animal Planet).

INTERNET TAKEOVER, PHASE II
BLOG CABIN (9 p.m., DIY) enters its second season. This show invited thousands of Internet participants to design a lakeside cabin and choose details such as the roof, siding and construction materials.

GONE COUNTRY
On two episodes of **SAMANTHA BROWN: PASSPORT TO GREAT WEEKENDS** (Travel), the dude ranches of Wyoming (10 p.m.) and Austin, Texas (10:30 p.m.).



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BIG BEN: Stiller chats with Jon Stewart about the provocative "Tropic Thunder."

'THUNDER' ROARS
Ben Stiller appears on **THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART** (11 p.m., Comedy Central). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Griffin's A-List Audience

The D-lister trades in her usual fans for wounded veterans

TOUCHING | "Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List" (10 p.m., Bravo) wraps up its fourth season with a visit to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to entertain wounded and recovering veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Before her show, Griffin goes through her patented routine, conferring with "Team Griffin," consisting of her assistants as well as her 80-something mother. Their advice is a mixed bag. Fellow potty-mouthed comic Joan Rivers advises her to avoid any cracks about the commander in chief.

Griffin finally finds material — and the episode gathers strength — when she visits her potential audience — the amputees, wounded men and women, and their spouses and children. Griffin is clearly moved by the dark humor of the men who seem to laugh off a below-the-knee amputation as a minor setback. And she's struck by the strength and stoicism of their wives. Many of the veterans and spouses have yet to reach their 20th birthday. At her best, Griffin always puts her showbiz world in its proper perspective. "When I was that age," Griffin interjects, "I was temping and auditioning for 'Fresh Prince of Bel Air.'"

BRAVO

HEALING: Kathy Griffin tries out that "laughter is the best medicine" theory.

As usual, Griffin's performance experiences some wobbly moments before connecting to an audience consisting of families, children and four chaplains. With typical self-deprecation, Griffin observes, "I was performing for people in wheelchairs and amputees, and they still walked out." KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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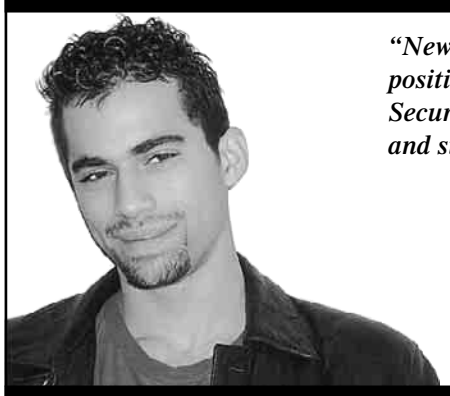

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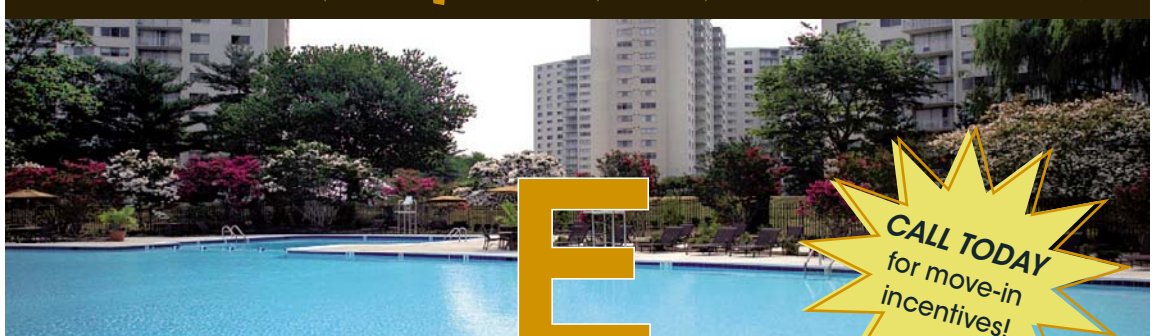

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DEMANDING SCHEDULE: Brady Kemp, 8, left, surrounded by his family in Brandon, Miss., plays on a traveling baseball team.

Sports

Littlest League

Traveling baseball teams lure players from the under-10 set

One inning at a time, Brady Kemp is getting closer to his dream of playing for the Atlanta Braves. He has endured numbing road trips to no-name ballparks and crashed in small-town motels after late games.

A seasoned veteran, Brady is 8. He's been playing ball since he was 3.

> "I'm doing this so my son can play high school ball and then college ball, and maybe move on from there."
>
> **A'LEECE KEMP**, LITTLE LEAGUE COACH

Once mainly for middle- and high-schoolers, traveling baseball teams are luring younger and younger players. Teams rove the nation like big-leaguers so kids still learning to read can play the best competition in the nicest parks for the biggest trophies.

It's August: Is the tournament this weekend in Cooperstown, N.Y., or Orlando, Fla.?

The trend troubles some parents and coaches. They worry about spending thousands annually so youngsters can play in baseball tournaments run by national organizations pulling in millions of dollars. One nonprofit's CEO took in $400,000 in a year.

They also fear elementary-age kids getting burned out on the game or, worse, getting hurt from being overworked. For neighborhood recreational leagues, meanwhile, travel teams can cause a talent drain.

Families in the travel-ball grind admit it can be physically and financially taxing. Just try keeping 7-year-olds occupied during a rain delay a state away from home or buying airplane tickets and insurance for an entire youth team.

"What I get irritated about is they have tournaments on Mother's or Father's Day," said Rick Deloney of Montgomery, Ala., whose 12-year-old son made a travel team when he was 9.

To a person, parents say they do it all for their children.

Their kids may not ever make it to the Little League World Series, which starts Thursday in Williamsport, Pa., but they don't really need to. There are dozens of tournaments every summer that promoters bill as a "World Series" of some sort.

Brady Kemp's mom said she wouldn't trade anything for the experience she and her husband had running a team for players 8 and under that played 30 games this year. They didn't leave their home state of Mississippi, but they might next year.

"I may sound crazy saying I'm doing this so my son can play high school ball and then college ball, and maybe move on from there, but we're devoted to our kids," said A'Leece Kemp of Brandon, Miss.

Brady Kemp catches a low ball during his baseball practice in Brandon, Miss.

Brady dreams of playing for the Braves, and Kemp said she is going to help him make it if he can.

"Not only are kids getting into it earlier, but there's a huge market [for] pitching, hitting, speed and agility lessons. And everybody's swinging a Worth Prodigy lithium bat that costs $200," she said.

It is virtually impossible to say how many youths play on traveling teams in the United States, since such squads typically don't belong to any league.

Travel teams usually hold tryouts to find the best players for a limited number of slots, and kids sometimes are recruited from other cities or states. By contrast, recreational leagues generally take all comers and often have rules limiting rosters to residents of a specific area.

The growth of Little League Baseball Inc. has leveled off in recent years, with about 2.2 million baseball and softball players in the United States. Chief executive Steve Keener attributes that mainly to video games and soccer rather than players' leaving recreational leagues for travel teams.

> **Teams rove the nation so kids still learning to read can play the best competition.**

Thomas Cochran coached a travel team for 8-year-olds this year that played about 80 games, competing both as the Forest Hill All Stars and the Mississippi Thunder. The kids are too young to pitch, so coaches toss the ball to hitters. Cochran said he has even heard of travel T-ball teams for preschoolers.

"I guarantee you I spent $15,000 — hotels, gas, food, all kinds of things," said Cochran, of Madison, Miss. "But I love it." JAY REEVES (AP)

Look out Online

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SOUND BETS

Sax Negus

The experimental-punk band the Ex played the Black Cat on Wednesday, bringing with it Getatchew Mekurya—the "Negus of Ethiopian Sax." While you may have missed the show, you can catch up with the killer music of Ethiopia's John Coltrane on our Sound Bets blog. | COMING UP

JOHNNY ZEITGEIST

Beijing Switch

The Chinese government didn't let a little girl with a beautiful voice take the stage at the Olympics because it thought her face was too chubby and her teeth were too crooked. So, Johnny Zeitgeist took to his blog and rated the looks of China's "handsome" leaders. | ONLINE NOW

BAGGAGE CHECK

Patriot Games

What is it about the Olympics that makes people who usually are fans neither of sports nor of their country suddenly stay up at all hours for something called the men's modern pentathlon? Dr. Andrea Bonior dives into the world of gold-medal psychology. | ONLINE NOW

comment board

What about the rest of the racially insensitive, homophobic, sexist, mindless movies that come out of Hollywood. Where's the movement to boycott that garbage?"

COMMENTER GMAB, WHO ADDED, "OH, I FORGOT: THIS COUNTRY BREEDS ON AND THRIVES FROM RACISM AND SEXISM, SO THAT'S OK."

The fact that the disabled community is going to boycott it is slightly amusing, since we are talking about the same movie that features a white actor playing a black man."

COMMENTER DLWOODS, WHO ADDED, "THE MOVIE IS POINTING OUT THE ABSURDNESS OF EVERYTHING HOLLYWOOD."

"I'm not boycotting the film because it's insensitive to mentally impaired people; I'm boycotting it because Jack Black, Ben Stiller and Robert Downey Jr. are all talentless morons."

COMMENTER LEILA, RESPONDING TO WEDNESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WILL YOU BOYCOTT 'TROPIC THUNDER' FOR BEING INSENSITIVE TO THE MENTALLY DISABLED?"

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

WILL YOU BOYCOTT 'TROPIC THUNDER' FOR BEING INSENSITIVE TO THE MENTALLY DISABLED?

NO 63% | **YES** 37%

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Blog LOG

"If Iraq hadn't happened, I would be cheerleading John McCain's bellicose reaction to the Russian invasion of Georgia. Not now."

SCOTTSTAKE.BLOGSPOT.COM WAS ALARMED BY MCCAIN'S SABER RATTLING, ADDING, "I'VE BEEN A HAWK AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER. BUT I NOW KNOW THERE ARE LIMITS TO HARD POWER."

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"The Legg Mason crowd was louder and more into the match than the crowds at Nationals Park. They were better sports fans."

WASHINGTONCITYPAPER.COM/BLOGS/CITYDESK WAS SURPRISED BY THE RAUCOUS AND SOMEWHAT ORNERY CROWD AT THE LEGG MASON TENNIS CLASSIC TUESDAY.

"ISN'T IT AMAZING how rare it is for significant politically oriented public and performance art to be produced within D.C., which is the center of political power in the United States?"

URBANPLACESANDSPACES.BLOGSPOT.COM IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE "MAKE DC WEIRD" CONTEST, A PROJECT DESIGNED TO "CALL ATTENTION TO THE PARTS OF D.C. LIFE THAT THWART ITS CONSERVATIVE REPUTATION."

"There is an unwritten rule among veteran cabbies that if you try to pull off [something] like that on us, you will be left on the street, and we'll move on to the next pickup."

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Discussions

Inner-City Eating

Writer and food scholar **DAMIAN MOSLEY** was online Wednesday to discuss the Los Angeles City Council's recently passed moratorium on new fast-food outlets in south L.A. and the complicated causes of obesity in our inner cities.

There may be much that' bad about Los Angeles' ban on new fast-food places, but do you see some good?

There is some good in the ban if grocery stores or other food retailers have been vying for the same real estate. In this case, maybe the moratorium gives those other food retailers the space in which to operate. But what will be done in conjunction with the ban to attract alternative food retailers and encourage people who typically patronize fast-food outlets to instead patronize the new places? There seems to be an implicit assumption that if the options are there, people will use them and community health will necessarily improve. I'm just not sure it's so simple.

Isn't any reduction in the number of fast-food restaurants that serve high-fat, low-quality, high-calorie food loaded with trans fats and high-fructose syrup a good idea for any demographic anywhere in the world?

Yes, theoretically, any reduction is good from a nutritional standpoint. But one thing I found interesting about the ban on "new" fast-food outlets is that it doesn't address existing fast-food restaurants, existing food habits or existing food resources at all.

I have seen lines at fast-food chains and conv enience stores in the late hours. Whenever I've been hungry at such times, I become frustrated at the lack of healthy options. Is that lack simply the result of the lack of demand for such options? Is there a natural human tendency to crave unhealthy food at night?

My guess is, no, there's no natural human tendency to crave it at late hours. If there were, every food retailer would be open around the clock. Wendy's and Popeyes and the like can stay open late with fewer labor costs because so much of their food preparation is automated, mechanized and requiring little skill. The better and fresher the prepared food, the more labor needed.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: WETA's "Washington Week and National Journal" moderator Gwen Ifill takes questions and comments at noon. | **washingtonpost.com/discussions.**

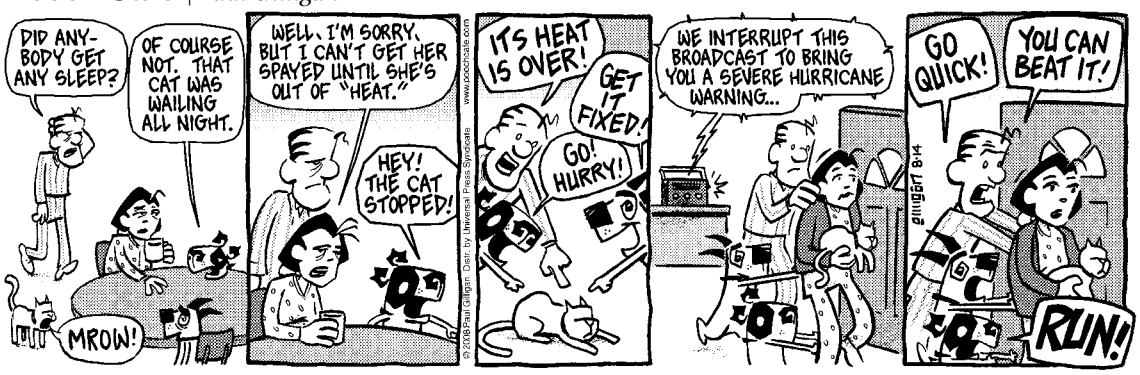
Look out

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"OK, I took a hike. Now will you marry me?"

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



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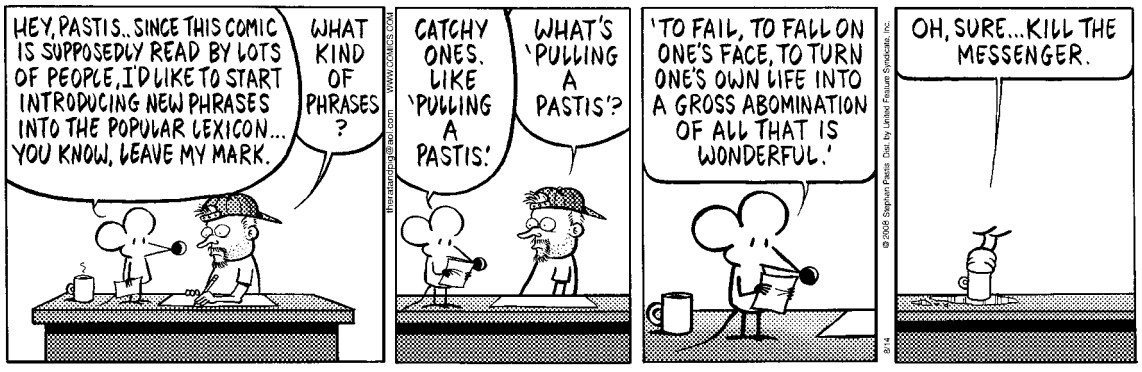

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't allow yourself to become upset about those things that are completely out of your control. Realize your limitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll attract a great deal of attention, but you'll want your privacy when the time comes. You can have both if you just wait your turn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're in the mood for some quiet time spent with a close friend or loved one. You can have it, but don't neglect a pressing issue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A change of direction may be appropriate at this time, but you'll have to concentrate on more specific, down-to-earth concerns.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A look back yields a rare look at the way things really were at a time when you may have been too confused to see as clearly as possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Every now and then, you are in the mood to change things dramatically and head off in a new direction. Today is likely to be just such a day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may have to tend to a few of last week's issues before the coming workweek is upon you. You don't want to trip over loose ends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be willing to avoid a conflict at all costs. Aggressive behavior of any kind is not likely to pay off at this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Now is the time for you to turn on the heat and face an opponent with guns blazing. Failure to be aggressive now may spell defeat for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Romantic situations abound, and it is up to you to take advantage of an opportunity and turn it into an important personal episode.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You know what you want — but do you know what you don't want? Knowing the difference will make the difference.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be getting in your own way these days simply because you insist on stopping and thinking about things at every turn. Trust in momentum.

Letters

Good Riddance to Cockfights

I APPLAUD THE state of Louisiana for finally outlawing the barbaric "sport" of cockfighting ("Cockfighting's Last Stand," Aug. 11). The defense that this is a rich, rural tradition is utterly disgusting. If we kept certain traditions, women would still not be able to vote and would still be considered property, and blacks would still be under the cruel thumb of Jim Crow. Stamping the word "tradition" on brutality — whether it's against women, minorities or animals — doesn't make it valid.

—DANIELLE KICHLER
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1848 The Oregon Territory is created.

1908 Rioting erupts in Springfield, Ill., as a white mob, enraged that two black suspects (one was later convicted of murder, the other was exonerated of rape) had been spirited away from the city jail by authorities, begin setting black-owned homes and businesses on fire. At least two blacks and five whites are killed in the violence. (The riot helped inspire the creation of the NAACP the following year.)

1945 President Truman announces that Japan has surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

2003 A huge blackout hits the northeastern United States and part of Canada; 50 million people lose power.

AP

A blackout darkened New York in 2003.

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Look out | People

DAN STEINBERG/AP

38 minus 26 equals a cougar joke.

MATH

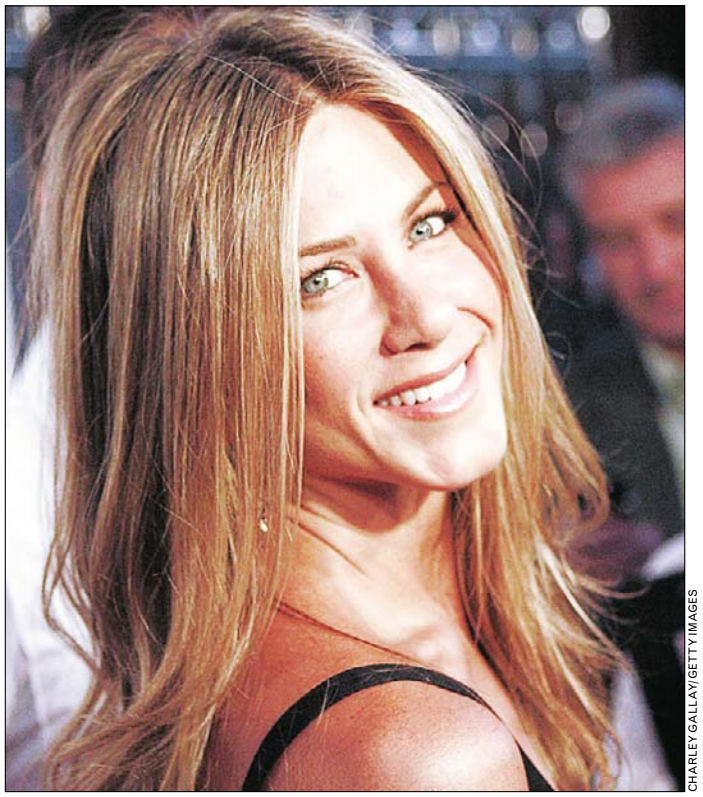
Maturity Divided by Hotness Equals a Brief Marriage

RACHEL HUNTER, New Zealand supermodel and ex-wife of Rod Stewart — is engaged to Canadian ice-hockey player Jarret Stoll, according to E! Hunter, 38, and Stoll, 26, have not set a wedding date. (EXPRESS)

HONORS

No One Remembers You. Here's a Random Award

FABIAN FORTE will be honored by the museum dedicated to Jimmy Stewart. The singer, 65, will receive the 2008 Harvey Award from the James M. Stewart Museum Foundation. The award is named for the film in which Stewart befriends an invisible rabbit. (AP)



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SPINSTERS

39 and Single

JENNIFER ANISTON and John Mayer have broken up, People reported. "They had a great time together, but they are just in different places in their lives right now," a source told the magazine. Another source warned, "[Mayer] never ends things with a clean slate. He likes to dwell on these relationships and sort everything out before saying goodbye for good." (EXPRESS)

PROMOTION

Paris Thought Breathing Counted

She promoted the movie heavily with her eyes.

PARIS HILTON didn't do enough pledging for a 2006 sorority comedy, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday. Worldwide Entertainment Group Inc. alleges the 27-year-old owes $75,000 in damages for not fulfilling promotional obligations. Hilton entered into an agreement in 2004 for the movie "National Lampoon's Pledge This!," according to the lawsuit. The company said it paid $1 million for "Hilton's acting services" and for "reasonable promotion and publicity" for the movie. (AP)

REAL ESTATE

'Hoff House' Is an Example of Alliteration AND Assonance

The Hoff's house is for sale, but not for the price he preferred. Los Angeles Superior Court judge settled a dispute between **DAVID HASSELHOFF** and ex-wife Pamela Bach, putting their house on the market for $5.95 million. Hasselhoff wanted it listed at less than $5 million; Bach thought it was worth nearly $8 million. The 10,000-square-foot spread includes two guesthouses. (AP)

PERFORMANCES

Britney to Prove Fermat's Last Theorem Onstage

BRITNEY SPEARS may get a shot at redemption during this year's MTV Video Music Awards. Widely panned for her performance last year, Spears is now in negotiations to appear at the Sept. 7 ceremony. While nothing is finalized, Spears is appearing in ads for the telecast. (AP)

MTV VIA AP

Russell Brand awards Britney the Fields Medal for her achievement.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly sunny, a t-storm in the p.m.	Mostly cloudy, a t-storm in spots	Some sun, a t-storm in the p.m.	A t-storm possible in the afternoon	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible
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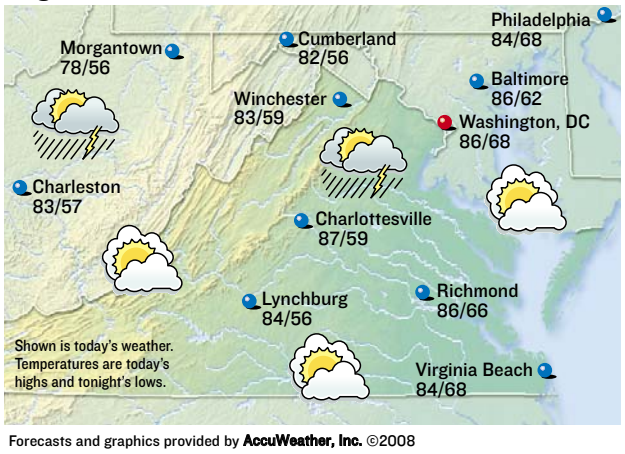

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	86°
Low	68°
Normal high	87°
Normal low	69°
Average humidity	55%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.36"
Normal month to date	1.43"
Year to date	32.68"
Last year to date	17.98"
Normal year to date	24.36"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

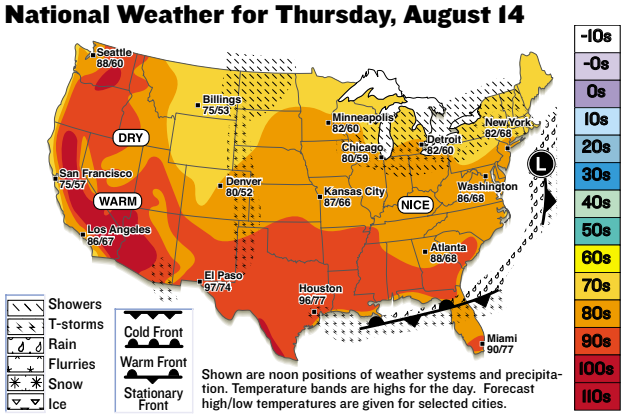
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, shower or thunderstorm late in the afternoon. High 86. Wind west-southwest 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:04 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:59 p.m.
Moonset today	3:49 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sept 7

National Weather for Thursday, August 14



National Cities

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Atlanta	88/68/pc	89/67/pc
Boston	75/62/t	78/64/t
Chicago	80/59/t	81/58/pc
Dallas	96/76/s	94/77/pc
Denver	80/52/t	63/47/t
Honolulu	87/76/pc	88/76/s
Los Angeles	86/67/pc	84/66/pc
Miami	90/77/t	92/77/t
New York City	82/68/pc	82/67/t
Orlando	86/74/t	89/73/t
Seattle	88/60/s	90/60/s

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	67/54/pc	69/53/pc
Athens	92/77/s	94/76/s
Berlin	74/59/pc	66/54/r
Buenos Aires	63/45/pc	66/50/pc
Calgary	74/51/pc	82/54/s
Dublin	64/52/sh	63/54/r
Geneva	75/58/sh	59/48/r
Moscow	84/64/pc	81/68/sh
Rome	88/71/s	83/59/pc
Sydney	61/46/s	59/46/pc
Tokyo	87/79/pc	89/77/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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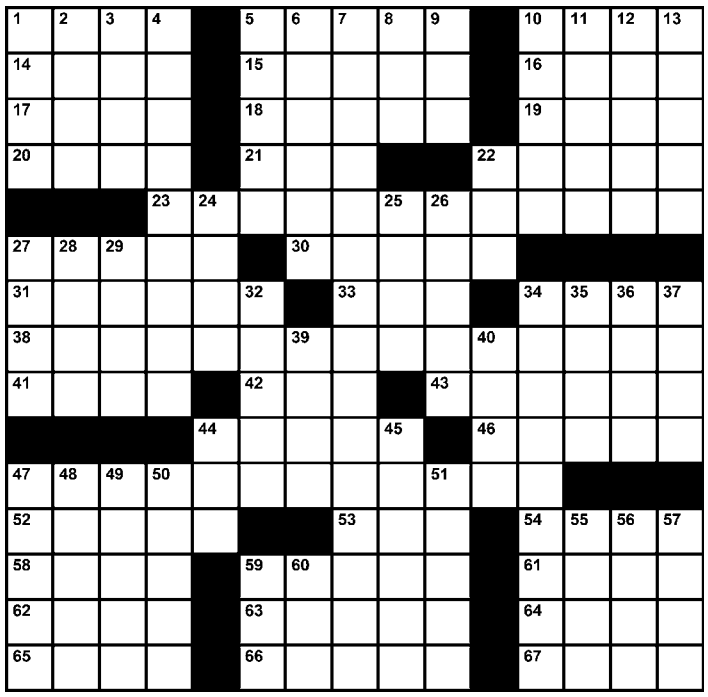

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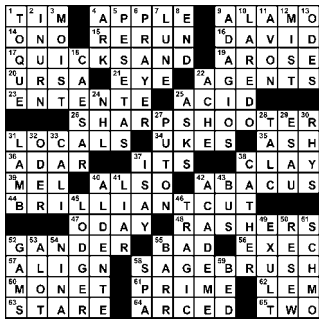
1 Press down, as pipe tobacco
5 Full of vim
10 Yerkish speakers
14 Obviously unlocked
15 Blue screen of death cause
16 Animal stomach
17 Confiscate
18 What some nannies push
19 Bee flat?
20 Abruptly dismissed
21 Tribe related to the Fox
22 Whispered sweet nothings
23 What the raspy pony was?
27 Egg-shaped
30 Garlic-flavored mayonnaise
31 Change magazines, perhaps
33 Modern FX field
34 Case for an ophthalmologist
38 Honey, fish and caves?
41 Surprisingly lively
42 They're often asked to look
43 Motionless
44 Bed cover
46 Peregrine's perch
47 Long-eared stylists?
52 With eyes wide open
53 ___ breeze (vodka cocktail)
54 Pane's place
58 Spingarn Medal winner Parks
59 Broadcasts
61 E trailer
62 "___ Like the Wind" (Patrick Swayze hit)
63 Almost ready for the Tooth Fairy
64 "Don't think so"
65 Not fancy in the least
66 Infraction fees
67 "Mission: Impossible" theme composer Schifrin

DOWN
1 Parting word
2 Trojan War hero
3 Model partner?
4 Preying upon other organisms
5 Caramel- colored quaff
6 Book boo-boos
7 Rehearsal of a sort
8 When doubled, a fuzzy ball
9 '01 and '06, e.g.
10 "Bless you!" prompter
11 Abbey biggie
12 A-frame overhangs
13 Certain Scandinavian
22 X, to Hippocrates
24 Corned beef sandwich specification
25 Cabin components
26 "I Still See ___" ("Paint Your Wagon" tune)
27 Sun, moon, etc.
28 Second in command, briefly
29 Questionable growth retardant
32 Express doubts
34 Causing anxiety
35 Upper deck, e.g.
36 Sammy Davis Jr.'s "___ Can"
37 Right turn from norte
39 What a spelunker may explore
40 ___-TASS (Russian news agency)
44 Banned pesticide
45 African bloodsucker
47 Stringent
48 Sunny farewell
49 Turn the tripmeter to 000
50 Answering machine button
51 Simplifies
55 A kahn
56 Saturday service site
57 "Farmer in the Dell" syllables
59 Wearer of pointy footgear
60 "Lil' ol' me?"

Yesterday's Solution



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Yesterday's Solution

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NAME: Dr. Jane Walsh
GIG: Anthropologist at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History

PEOPLE CROWD AROUND a glass case at the Natural History Museum staring in awe at a massive milky quartz crystal skull. Walsh has been working with crystal skulls for more than a decade, trying to debunk myths about the fascinating relics. Some of the more colorful theories posit that they play a part in a Mayan "doomsday" clock, that they were used by priests or that they have supernatural powers. As a scientist, Walsh was just interested in whether the captivating craniums were even crystal (no; they're quartz) or ancient (nope; they're fakes). Now, in honor of the latest "Indiana Jones" adventure, the Smithsonian's skull is on display and its real, if checkered, history is attracting crowds.

How did you get involved with the crystal skulls?
It started in 1992 when I got a call over from someone in American History that they had just received a package that had the crystal skull in it. ... I didn't know much about the skull other than that it was sent anonymously and the guy who sent it wrote a note saying that he'd bought the skull in 1960 in Mexico City and he was told that it was part of the Porfirio Diaz collection. ... So it was kind of interesting, because Diaz started being dictator [of Mexico] in, like, the 1800s — around the time the other two skulls appeared.

So when I started doing research, I discovered that the two other skulls — the famous skulls, the one in the British museum and the one in Paris — had both been sold by the same dealer, Eugène Boban. The other thing about it is as far as anyone knows, no archaeologist has ever dug one up.

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This quartz skull was proved to have been made with modern lapidary tools.

The English adventurer F. A. Mitchell-Hedges claimed his daughter found the first crystal skull in a Mayan Temple.
Well, definitively I think Mitchell-Hedges bought it. ... There are letters from the guy he bought it from trying to sell the skull to a couple of museums in the U.S. None of the stories ever jibe.

How many other crystal skulls exist?
Of the ones that are in museum collections, the ones that I know of, there's maybe 10, and there are maybe 10 small ones.

Will you go looking for more skulls at some point?
No, my interest lies with museum collections because it's more controlled. I think, for most of them, the same guy, Eugène Boban, sold them.

Do you think there is any truth to a Mayan "doomsday" theory?
Basically, it's just a calendar, a very sophisticated calendar. The cycle is up in 2012 and, theoretically, if the Mayans were still around calculating, they would start a new cycle, not say everything is going to end. People come up with stuff.

> "As far as anyone knows, no archaeologist has ever dug [a crystal skull] up."

Why do you think people are so enamored with the crystal skulls?
For the same reason that they were sort of an item that Europeans bought in the 19th century — because we're in love with the idea of ourselves and we're also fascinated by notions of our own mortality.

ADAORA OTIJI (EXPRESS)

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Marilyn Ashford Brown Brings The Kodak Experience To Blues Alley In An Encore Performance This coming Tuesday, August 19, 2008 for Two Shows.

Recently opening for Comedian Steve Harvey at the famous Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles California, home to the Oscars, Academy Awards, and Grammy Awards. Ash2Brown Entertainment Recording Artist Marilyn Ashford Brown will return to **Blues Alley** for an encore performance.

Her unique rendition of Earth, Wind & Fire's 1976 hit "Can't Hide Love" landed her on the tour after her CD was given to Harvey to hear. Last October 2007, **Blues Alley** hosted two sold-out performances for the Release Party of Ashford Brown's "Still Standing" CD which has done well, in spite of minimal airplay. "Being an independent artist has its challenges and rewards, but the downside is that a lot of great music goes unheard", she says. Marilyn acknowledges and gives thanks to God for divine intervention for radio airplay both abroad and from the WHUR 96.3 F. M. Radio family, especially Hosts Lorna Newton and Tony Richards for being the first to play her music , saying "what better place to be featured than on the number one Station in our Nations' Capitol". Jeff Brown, host of the stations, original "Quiet Storm" recently featured one of her songs. Her fan base continues to increase, as sales have done well in both the U. K. and Tokyo. Currently, working on her follow-up CD, a promotional tour is in the works for the U. K. "Don't Wanna Be Lonely Tonight", "Number One" and "Respect Me" are just three of several favored songs from the Washington, D. C. natives CD. The song titled "Maybe" is a song that radio should clearly embrace and support, being that it addresses crime and violence in our schools, communities and the world. If you haven't seen a great show in a while, then Blues Alley will be the place to be this Tuesday evening.

On August 19, 2008 Ashford Brown takes her Kodak Theatre Experience where she recently performed before 3400 spectators to the stage of the Historical **Blues Alley** along with the Phoenix Band for two performances beginning at: 8:00 P. M. and 10:00 P. M. **Blues Alley** is located in **Georgetown at: 1073 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C.** Seats are limited. Call to reserve seating at: **(202) 337-4141** or Purchase tickets Online at: **www.marilynashfordbrown.com** and click on the Blues Alley Link. Support D. C.'s best kept secret by calling the WHUR Radio Station to request songs from the CD at: (202)432-9487.

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Resistance Isn't So Futile

Ana Maria Alvarez of Contra-Tiempo pushes boundaries

DANCE | "Originally, I created the work — about three years ago — when there was a lot of tension in the country around immigration reform," explains choreographer Ana Maria Alvarez about the beginnings of her Los Angeles-based dance company, Contra-Tiempo, which fuses salsa, Afro-Cuban, West African and hip-hop styles.

"There was this whole sort of agreement in our society at the time," she continues, "where being anti-what-was-happening — in terms of being against what was going on with immigration reform — was being anti-American."

This realization provoked Alvarez to more deeply explore this theme as a part of what was her senior-thesis concert at the time, but which, after touring New York with it, sprouted into Contra-Tiempo.

"That whole idea of pushing back as being anti-American interested me, in reference to salsa as a dance form" says Alvarez. "In salsa, resistance is fundamental. So if you don't have resistance between partners, you don't exist, because without the push-pull relationship, you can't function as a couple."

Using this idea as a "metaphor for how resistance and pushing back is actually fundamental in our culture and society," Contra-Tiempo became more than a hip-isolating dance ensemble.

The company's members became activists in the community with the mission "to be alive, to be heard and to be empowered."

And this weekend on their first stop in D.C., Alvarez and company present a new work titled "I Dream America." With the issues of immigration and the disaster of Hurricane Katrina as its backdrop, the piece seeks to engage the "tensions and commonalities," as Alvarez says, of the black and Latino communities.

And, according to Alvarez, "really bringing to life what's possible in the world if people communicated with one another effectively."

DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

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ACTION FIGURE: Contra-Tiempo's choreography is varied and energetic.

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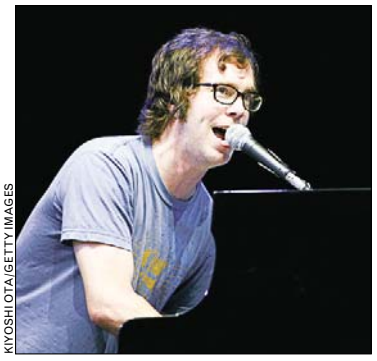

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JUGGLING ACT: The spiky, post-punk dance-rock quartet made its name as one of Saddle Creek Records' sterling stable of acts, but the band is incrementally launching its own label, Blank.wav.

Strong Signals

The Faint comes in loud and clear on its self-produced album

MUSIC | You can take the boys out of the Midwest, but you can't take the loyalty to the Midwest out of the boys. Or, more specifically, to the Omaha.

"For the last 10 years, Omaha has been a really healthy scene," says Jacob Thiele, keyboardist and backup vocalist for Nebraskan band the Faint. "It's a really tight-knit community. Everybody knows everybody."

Said scene is solidly intertwined with Saddle Creek Records, the Omaha-based label that has nurtured acts like Conor Oberst, Cursive and these dudes, ambassadors of heart-pumping dance-punk to America and the world.

Though the Faint called Saddle Creek home sweet home for more than a decade, the cord has recently been cut. On its newly released fifth studio album, "Fasciinatiion" (the title stems from a broken "I" key on lead singer Todd Fink's keyboard. Fasciinatiing!), the group proved it was all grown-up and ready to bogart the process. "Fasciinatiion" is a Faint-only production — Thiele, Fink, guitarist Dapose, bassist Joel Petersen and drummer Clark Baechle did all the writing, producing and recording for the record.

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>
> **JACOB THIELE**, KEYBOARDIST FOR THE FAINT

They're calling the imprint Blank.wav, and hope to eventually segue into running a full-fledged label.

"With the way the industry is heading, we've been talking about doing this for a while," Thiele admits. Especially with the advances in that gosh-darn technology. "Everyone wants a piece of the digital sales," he adds. Good thinking, boys — best to take full ownership of what's yours.

Thiele is quick to note, however, that Saddle Creek is an encouraging parent, allowing its artists free creative reign. When asked whether the album's more experimental, electronics-heavy vibe has to do with the Faint's newfound autonomy, he gives a definitive no. "They let us do whatever we wanted — they trusted our judgment. I can't imagine it would have been a hell of a lot different."

New toys (in the way-synthesizer-y instruments) and unlimited studio time played roles in the updated sound, but like the dance-inducing tracks from their 2004 smash record "Wet From Birth," "Fasciinatiion" is lyrically diverse and energy saturated. The first single, "The Geeks Were Right," and ode to celebrity fanaticism "Get Seduced" should set fans in motion at the 9:30 Club this Saturday, just as "Paranoiattack" did on the group's last tour.

"Battle Hymn for Children" takes the biggest step toward the political, or politically critical, in the Faint's history, but still is sure to veer away from the ultra-negative. Thiele and his comrades are sensitive to the mental wellness of their fans: "We want to be thought-provoking, but we don't want to leave people with negative thoughts in their heads," he says. Talented and thoughtful — Omaha and Saddle Creek should be proud.

KARMAH ELMUSA (EXPRESS)

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KEEP IT FRESH: It's no wonder Smith has young fans — the charismatic organist folds R&B and blues into his jazz mix.

The Doctor Is In

Dr. Lonnie Smith puts soul in his jazz and the organ on the map

MUSIC | Dr. Lonnie Smith is what many musicians refer to as a "road warrior," one who tours consistently with or without a new album to promote. The 66-year-old legend is also one of the last great living jazz organists who emerged out of the '60s soul-jazz boom.

During that heyday, Smith was in fierce company with other ace jazz organists such as Jack McDuff, Jimmy McGriff, and the high priest of the jazz Hammond B3 organ, Jimmy Smith. In that crowd (and there were plenty of others), it's easy to image that time being very cutthroat. But Smith remembers it differently.

"We had a lot of fun," he recalls "We used to all meet together sometimes and play. Then we would stick our hands into pot as if you were playing and I'd come play and stick my hands over the keyboards and vamp. We loved each other."

The charismatic organist, who's created somewhat of a mystical persona by wearing a turban onstage and adding "doctor" to his stage name —for "no apparent reason," he admits — marvels at his longevity and his ability to touch listeners. "Every time I go somewhere, I whisper to myself, 'There are young people in the audience,'" Smith says. "And oftentimes, they're just standing through the whole concert. I don't understand it."

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Perhaps, it's Smith's affinity for the blues and R&B as well as his populist view in performance that makes him such a magnetic force. Of course, there are also those burning chops and that undeniable swing. But for Smith, technique takes a backseat to content.

"You're playing for the people. You're not just playing for yourself. If you start only thinking about yourself onstage, you can stay at home and play," he says.

This weekend, Smith will play for the people at Blues Alley, fronting a trio that includes guitarist Peter Bernstein and drummer Anthony Pinciotti. Smith says that he'll focus on music, both old and new, but looks forward to showcasing a few new tunes from his forthcoming disc (due early next year).

Of that disc, Smith says: "It's just music for the people to enjoy. It's a happy-occasion kind of a CD. It has nothing pressuring people into trying to think about what I'm doing technically. Just take it and enjoy." JOHN MURPH

→ *Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; through Sun., 8 & 10 p.m.; $25; 202-337-4141, bluesalley.com.*

The World Through 4 Lenses

National Geographic pays tribute to its top photographers

MUSEUM | The days of the photographer-explorer, in pith helmet or parka, curiosity powering every step, plunges through the underbrush again at the National Geographic Museum.

With "Odysseys and Photographs — Masters From the National Geographic Archives," the museum raids the magazine's store of famous photos for a display spotlighting four of the most intrepid journalist-shutterbugs in National Geographic history.

The lives these men lived are as fascinating as the images they recorded. Gentlemanly polymath Luis Marden spent 64 years working for the magazine, many of them under water — his work pioneered underwater color photography and brought the Caribbean to curious American readers.

Volkmar Wentzel braved everything from lung-crushing cold to leech-ridden jungles to capture the parts of the world never before caught on film. Thomas Abercrombie was the first correspondent to reach the geographic South Pole; he also walked from Morocco to China in the path of 14th-century Arab explorer Ibn Battuta. Maynard Owen Williams, the magazine's first foreign correspondent, was present at the opening of King Tutankhamen's tomb.

The photographs on display — and it's just a sampling of their staggering combined output — makes the world at once a small and much bigger place. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

LUIS MARDEN/COURTESY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

SHARP EYE: A Luis Marden photo of a girl engulfed by a giant sombrero.

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Monster Bash

Washington's Count Gore De Vol capes up for Horrorfind 2008

DICK DYSZEL is a professional DJ with a burnished stage voice; Count Gore De Vol is the cheesyish vampire who hosted "Creature Feature," the Baltimore/Washington midnight-movie show on whose Mad magazine-type satire and sly political jokes many a Beltway baby was raised. Dyszel puts on the cape again for Horrorfind Weekend, which has edged closer to D.C. this year and features all sorts of ghoulish doings.

COURTESY DIXK DYSZEL

VEDDY SCEDDY, KIDS: Count Gore De Vol does terrible things to a rubber chicken.

Is there anything your Web site doesn't have?

Well, I thought, "If I'm gonna do this, I'm not gonna build just a tribute site. I'm gonna put the TV show on the Web site." The only thing we've dropped recently was the movie reviews. ... Frankly, I was never a good movie reviewer.

Do you like horror movies?

I like all kinds of film. ... I wanted to be the next Orson Welles after seeing "Citizen Kane." ... But I like horror films; I really like science fiction films, drama. I have to admit, I'm not really crazy about — how can I say it diplomatically? — [shouts] STUPID COMEDIES.

What's in store at Horrorfind?

This Friday is gonna be the big one. I bet you didn't know that Count Gore De Vol, in addition to being a vampire, [spooky vampire voice] has hypnotic powers. He is going to announce that he is the world's only vampire stage hypnotist. The big thing, of course, is the Saturday-night costume competition.

What's the craziest costume?

One of the most creative ones was the Rat Pack zombies — you had Frank, Dean and Sammy as zombies, so that was cool. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

➜ *UMUC Marriott Inn, Adelphi, Md.; Fri-Sun., weekend pass, $45; day passes, $20-$25; horrorfindweekend.com.*

PHOTOGRAPHY | LOOKING AHEAD

XINHUA PHOTOGRAPHER LIU HAIFENG

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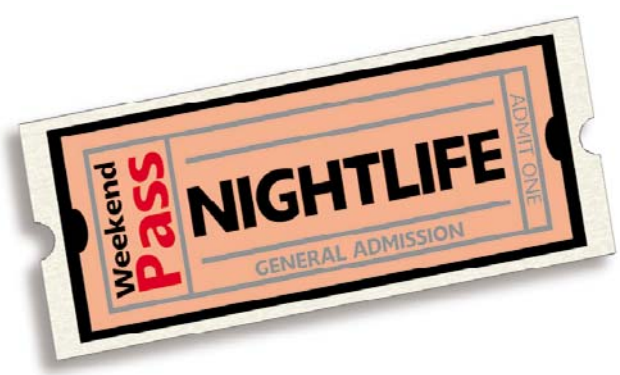

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An Italian war movie up for a remake blasts its way onto DVD

DVD | Quentin Tarantino recently announced he was tackling the World War II movie genre by remaking the 1978 minor cult hit "The Inglorious Bastards," which will give him a chance to match explosive dialogue to equally explosive, well, explosions. On the heels of that production, which has already cast Brad Pitt as the lead, comes Severin Films' overdue three-disc reissue of the movie, complete with the requisite documentaries and the not-quite-so-requisite soundtrack CD.

In Tarantino lore, the film sounds a bit like "Fox Force Five," the fictional television show from "Pulp Fiction." Instead of five gorgeous assassins, "The Inglorious Bastards" features five antiheroes who conspire to hijack a German train. They certainly live up to their title billing — these men are thieves, cowards, murderers, deserters and traitors who meet each order with a shirk and each wartime peril with a smirk and a nonchalant quip. It's a war movie, sure, but has a sense of goofy fun as the characters road-test their manhood.

Of course, Tarantino shows up on the DVD, interviewing director Enzo Castelari, who comes across as the epitome of wit compared to the younger director's overanimated demeanor.

Much more informative and interesting is the feature-length documentary, "Train Kept A-Rollin'," which suggests that war may be hell, but so are war movies (which is the plot of Tropic of Thunder," currently in theaters). The Italian production had such a tight budget they had to use the same handful of vintage vehicles in every scene. Local police confiscated their replica machine guns, so the crew had to carve new ones out of wood and paint them to look real.

COURTESY SEVERIN FILMS

LUCKY 'BASTARDS': A cheap Italian riff on "The Dirty Dozen" became a minor hit.

Despite such retrospectively entertaining setbacks, the film was a modest success, although today it seems wholly a product of its time, incorporating decidedly post-civil rights racial politics along with an anti-war message more contemporary with the Vietnam era than the Greatest Generation's.

Still, the movie's rambunctious spirit and almost nihilistic sense of masculinity — not to mention its soldiers' cocksure grins — make "Inglorious Bastards" a corrective to the sanctimony that has crept into nostalgia-hued war movies like "Men of Honor" and "Saving Private Ryan." STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 | The Dark Knight

Heath Ledger's performance is the most interesting thing in the film; when the Joker is absent, the movie loses energy. STEPHEN HUNTER

2 | Pineapple Express

This stoner comedy sends its addled protagonists on a trail of misadventures that give new meaning to the term "high jinks." ANN HORNADAY

3 | Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor

Tiresome and messy, this sequel borrows mightily from the "Indiana Jones" franchise and various martial-arts films. JANE HORWITZ

4 | The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

The Sisterhood is a robustly energetic force that propels the viewer, leapfrogging over improbable plot devices and clunky dialogue. TERESA WILTZ

5 | Step Brothers

"Step Brothers" is so childish it seems to arrive in diapers, and that's good. Will Ferrell will literally do anything for a laugh, and John C. Reilly lets it go, too. STEPHEN HUNTER

DALE ROBINETTE/COLUMBIA PICTURES

BUD-DY COMEDY: James Franco and Seth Rogan ride the "Pineapple Express."

6 | Mamma Mia!

Filmgoers eager to sample this musical's sunny, synth-pop pleasures are likely to feel bludgeoned by an Abba-bomb. ANN HORNADAY

7 | Journey to the Center of the Earth

This latest iteration of the Jules Verne classic uses modern cinematic technology with ingenuity; it's terrific family entertainment. ANN HORNADAY

8 | Hancock

This is a movie with an identity crisis that seems to offer one gentle pleasure but instead offers a harsher experience by far. STEPHEN HUNTER

9 | Swing Vote

The movie asks its audience to suspend disbelief in its premise: One ignorant guy decides the outcome of a presidential election. LAURA YAO

10 | Wall-E

That mainstream entertainment could be as creative and cautionary as "WALL-E" has to raise your hopes for humanity. JOHN ANDERSON

Indies&Arties

'Temple of Doom'

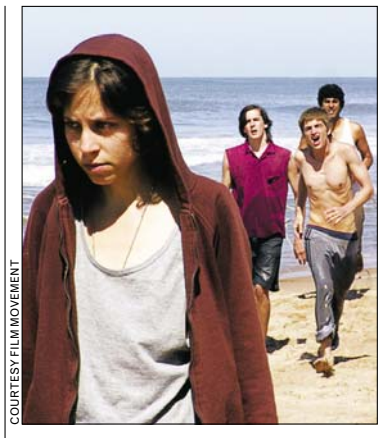
Indiana Jones battles an Indian death cult, the Himalayan Mountains and some so-so reviews this time around in 1984's "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom." Back when Harrison Ford was on the better side of 60 and Shia LeBeouf was a mere tadpole with curly-locked stardom in his far future, Indy was busy saving mankind and helping create the PG-13 rating for its graphic, but not-too-graphic, action-adventure violence.

→ AFI SILVER, 8633 COLESVILLE ROAD, SILVER SPRING, FRI. 7 P.M., SAT. 7:20 P.M., SUN. 1 P.M.; 301-495-6700, AFI.COM/SILVER. (SILVER SPRING)

The Distant Past

The National Gallery of Art screens two-thirds of the late Michelangelo Antonioni's "alienation" trilogy. Find out if "La Notte" (Sat., 4:30 p.m.), the Italian master's portrait of marital dissolution and emotional emptiness, was the movie "Mad Men's" Don Draper snuck out of the office to watch on last week's episode. "L'Eclisse" (Sun., 4:30 p.m.) plunges deeper into despair and stars the ravishing Monica Vitti on a desultory emotional journey.

→ NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, 4TH STREET & CONSTITUTION AVENUE NW, FREE 202-737-4215, NGA.GOV. (ARCHIVES-NAVY MEMORIAL)



COURTESY FILM MOVEMENT

Inés Efron, left, stars as Alex, the intersex teenager at the center of "XXY."

Between Sexes

Lucia Puenzo's sensitive "XXY" is the story of a 15-year-old intersex child, Alex, who has been living her life as a girl, and the struggles and decisions she and her family face. When a family friend and doctor come to visit to discuss a surgery to correct her condition, Alex falls for the doctor's son, throwing a curve into her mother's plan.

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WeekendPass | Entertainment

2 Define 'Live!'

You didn't miss an episode, so why would you miss seeing Elmo-like David Archuleta or the dreadlocked Jason Castro croon half-hearted covers when the American Idols Live! Tour comes to Verizon Center?
➜ *Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; Thu. 7 p.m., $42.50-$68.50, 202-628-3200. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)*

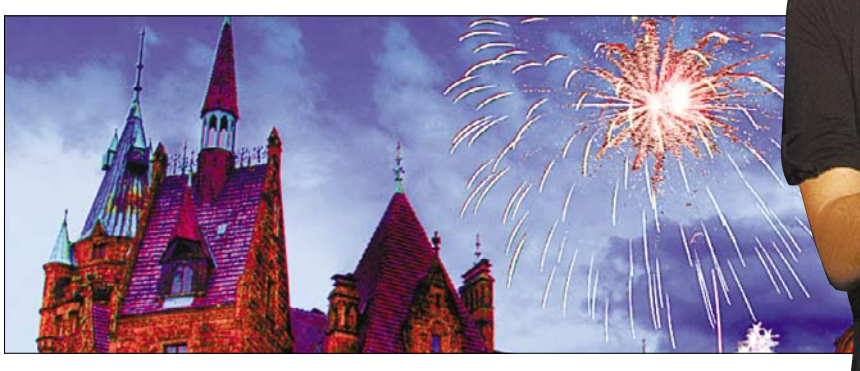
3 Dining for Dollars

Your taste buds' favorite week is upon us — D.C.'s restaurant week. Nearly 200 of the area's best eateries try to outdo each other in attracting new costumers and giving regulars a break by busting out menu favorites and whipping up new dishes for a fixed price that levels the playing field. The biggest winner will be your palate — and your wallet might thank you, too. Lunches will set you back about 20 bucks for a two-course meal, while dinners cost $35.08 for a three-course meal, before drinks (we know you'll want some), tip and tax.
➜ *Various sites, through sun., see washington.org/restauratwk for more restaurants and schedule.*

4 Art Close to Home

More than 200 artists showcase their work at this year's All Arlington Salon at the Ellipse Arts Center, a non-juried exhibit open to any artist who lives, works or studies in Arlington. Paintings and photographs dominate the exhibit, but there are plenty of sculpture and handicrafts sprinkled in. The works range from deep to mundane, political to playful.
➜ *Ellipse Arts Center, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington; through Sept. 13, 703-228-7710.*

top stops WEEKEND



5 It's Also a Dessert Topping

"Ariadne auf Naxos" is one big mess in two parts. The richest man in Vienna wants to see a comedy, a tragedy and a fireworks show on a short schedule (spoiler pictured above). What might have become a confusing extravaganza becomes a sendup of confusing extravaganza in Wolf Trap opera's production of Richard Strauss' entertaining opera-play, which is lighting up Wolf Trap this weekend.
➜ *Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna; through Aug. 19, $28-$68, 703-255-1900.*

1 Get Down With Your Bad Self

Thao Nguyen and her band, the Get Down Stay Down, are moving up in the indie-pop world. After a spring tour with menacing noise-makers Xiu Xiu, the band set out with indie queens Jenny Lewis and Rilo Kiley. Nguyen and the Get Down end their cross-country headlining tour close to their Falls Church home at the Black Cat, where they'll surely play many of their newest, poppiest songs from their latest, "We Brave Bee Stings and All."
➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with David Schultz & the Skyline, Pepi Ginsberg, Thu. 8 p.m., $12. 800-551-7328, blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

The Scene

Sound

➜ THURSDAY

9:30 Club: The Hold Steady, the Loved Ones, 7 p.m., sold out.
Black Cat: Thao Nguyen and the Get Down Stay Down, David Schultz & the Skyline, Pepi Ginsberg, 8 p.m., $12 (mainstage). Jana Hunter, Lesser Gonzalez Alvarez, 9 p.m., $10 (backstage).
Blues Alley: Dr. Lonnie Smith, 8 & 10 p.m., $25.
Bohemian Caverns: Sound of the City, 8 p.m., free, reservations required.
Cafe Saint-Ex: DJ Nitekrawler, 10 p.m., free.
Crossroads: Jamaica Me Crazy Happy hour with live reggae, 5 p.m.
DC9: Funk Ark, 9 p.m., $8.
Iota: The Beanstalk Library, 9 p.m., $10.
Jammin' Java: The Greencards, 7:30 p.m., $15.
Music Center at Strathmore: Tribute to Joni Mitchell, 7:30 p.m., $15.
The Red and the Black: Sickamour, Caryn Sever, $8.
State Theatre: New Riders of the Purple Sage, 8:30 p.m., $18-$20.
Velvet Lounge: Sufimonkey Trio, DCIC, Circles, Hulk Smash, 9 p.m., $8.
Verizon Center: American Idols Live!, 7 p.m., $42.50-$68.50.
Wolf Trap: Smokey Robinson, 8 p.m., in-house, $42; lawn, $25.

➜ FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Rome in a Day, Redshift, the War Within 6 p.m., $15. Fertile Ground, Afi, DJ Lance Reynolds, 11 p.m., $25.
Black Cat: El Vez, Human Hands, 9 p.m., $15.
Cafe Saint-Ex: DJ Neville Chamberlain, 10 p.m.,free.
Crossroads: Escape Happy Hour and Dance Party, 5 p.m.
DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $6.
Jammin' Java: The Bigger Lights, Crash Boom Bang, 7 p.m., $15.
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Platinum: Platinum Fridays, 10 p.m., cover charge.
The Red and the Black: Dave Ihmels, Michelle Burleson, the Adrian Outfit, Ian Walters Project, 9 p.m., $8.
Rock & Roll Hotel: The Dance Party, 8:30 p.m., $10.

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COMPILED BY Express' Jason Koebler. Read more entertainment picks every day — and check out what's coming up this weekend — at **expressnightout.com/topstops.**

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INDIE DARLINGS | CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

MARINA CHAVEZ

YOU'RE EITHER GOING OR YOU GOT SHUT OUT: It calls Harry Potter — well, Daniel Radcliffe — a fan, it has a sold-out show at 9:30 Club on Thursday and was Blender's band of the year in 2006. So what does the Hold Steady have to complain about? Nothing! The buzzed-about foursome's latest release is titled "Stay Positive," and sounds like a party.

venues

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Velvet Lounge: Caverns, Sun Powered Solar Destroyer, Hammer No More the Fingers, the City Veins, 9 p.m., $8.

Wolf Trap: G. Love & Special Sauce, the John Butler Trio, Tristan Prettyman, 7 p.m., $34, in-house; $30, lawn.

Zanziba: Third World, Ichelle Cole & Strykers Posse, S.T.O.R.M. 9 p.m., $25-$30.

➔ SATURDAY

9:30 Club: The Faint, Shy Child, Jaguar Love, 8 p.m., $20.

Birchmere: Tony Rice Unit, JD Crowe & the New South, 7:30 p.m., $35.

Black Cat: "Kicks!", 9 p.m., free.

Cafe Saint-Ex: The Birdman, 10 p.m., free.

Crossroads: "Energy" dance party with DJ Chick, DJ Book, DJ Supa Scotty, Mr. Majestic, 10 p.m., cover charge.

DC9: Supreme Commander, Sitali Band, Head Roc, Christos, Throwdown Syndicate, 9:30 p.m., $8.

Iota: Exit Clov, You Can Be a Wesley, the

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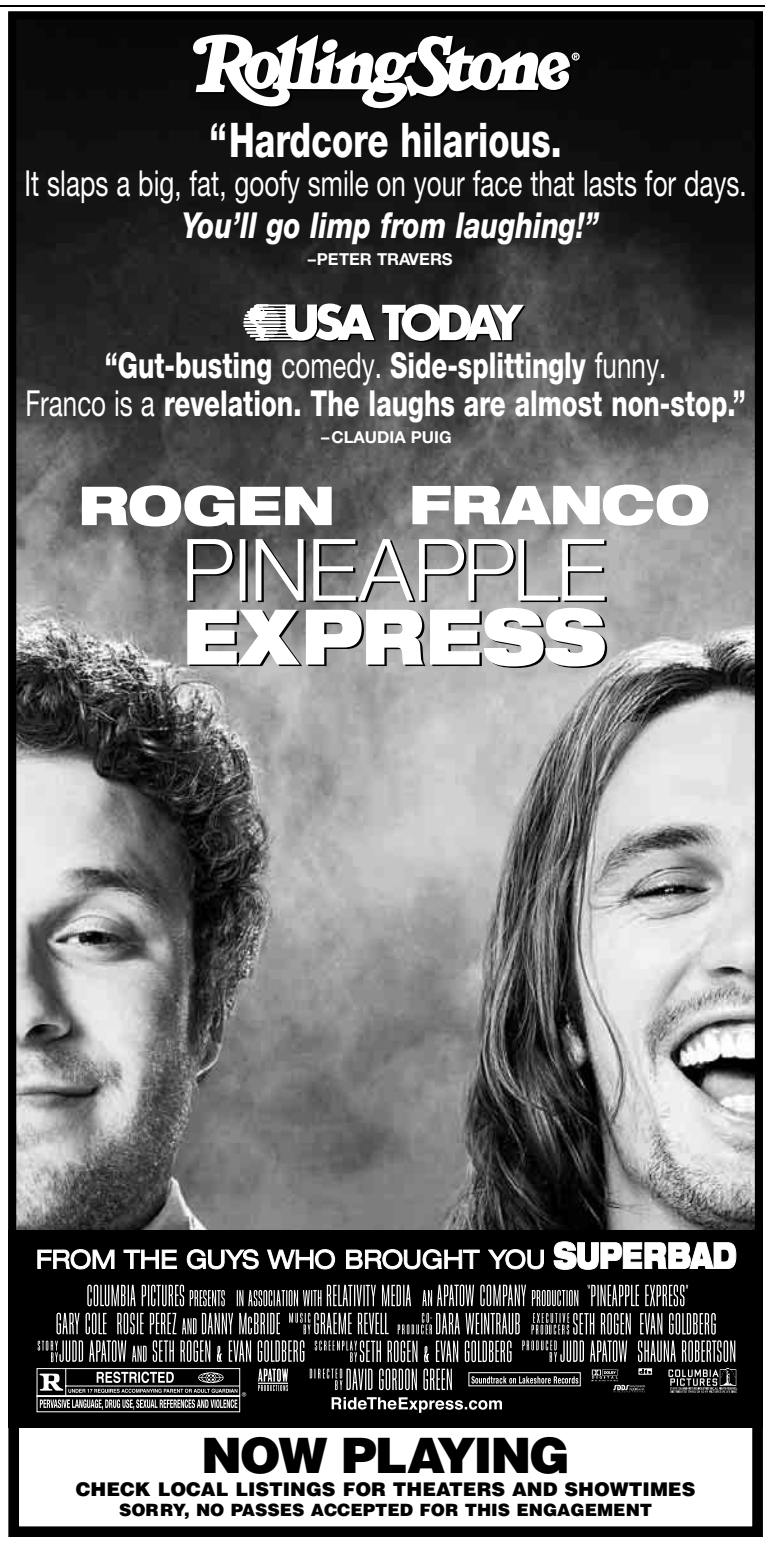
PHOTOGRAPHY | CLOSE AND PERSONAL

SHEN WEI/COURTESY RANDALL SCOTT

THE HUMAN IN ITS HABITAT: Photographic artist Shen Wei tries to capture the subjects of his troubling, detailed photographs in natural settings. His and Alexandra Catiere's photographs are on display as part of the Randall Scott Gallery's rotating, multi-artist exhibition, "8."



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Platinum: Beautiful Saturdays, 10 p.m.

The Red and the Black: Letzkus Lanou, Titus Andronicus, the Rosewood Thieves, Impossible Hair, 9:30 p.m., $10.

Rock & Roll Hotel: Drop Electric, the Blackout District, Red Ink, Hello Tokyo, 8:30 p.m., $10.

State Theatre: Garage a Trois, 9 p.m., $20.

Velvet Lounge: Pink Monkey Birds, the Witch Hats, the Electricutions, Six Gun Lullaby, 9 p.m., $10.

Wolf Trap National Park: SMV with Stanley Clarke, Marcus Miller, Victor Wooten, 8 p.m., in-house, $40; lawn, $22.

➜ SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Rehab, Heavy Mojo, Chris Crisis, 7 p.m., $15.

Black Cat: Bodies of Water, Port O'Brien, 9 p.m., $10.

Crossroads: Anthony B, Rootz Underground; Dancehall Sundays with DJ Jason Steele, DJ Supa Scotty and DJ Chick.

DC9: The Devil Makes Three, 9 p.m., $8-$10.

Galaxy Hut: Gary B. & the Notions, Wonderful Spells, 9 p.m., $5 cover 9-11 p.m.

Nissan Pavilion: Mayhem Festival with Slipknot, Disturbed, 1 p.m., $25-$49.50.

The Red and the Black: FOX Japan, Pocketknife, Peter Maybarduk, 9:30 p.m., $8.

State Theatre: Blessid Union of Souls, 8 p.m., $15.

Velvet Lounge: Insect Factory, Mind Over Matter Music Over Mind, Projection: Zero, Dan Friel, 9:30 p.m., $8.

Wolf Trap: The Beach Boys, 2 p.m., in-house, $38; lawn, $25.

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METAL, METAL, METAL | NOISE SOLUTION

JIM COOPER/AP

TURN IT UP TO 11: In case the Warped Tour and Virgin Fest weren't METAL enough for you, catch the Mayhem Festival with Slipknot, above, Disturbed and other very loud dudes. One of the lone bright spots is Mastodon, who performed at the 2007 VMAs, thankfully without any albino pythons. Bang your head all day Sunday at the Nissan Pavilion.

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STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 145 445) 745 1015
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (130 415) 715 1015
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1245 330) 645 930
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (1045 130 430) 745 1030
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1100 115 345) 630 900
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (100 345) 645 930
HANCOCK (PG-13) 845 PM
WALL-E (G) (1215 315) 615
MIRRORS - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS - LATE NIGHT (PG) 1201 AM

GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14
701 Seventh St NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1040 1230 130) 430 635 730 1025
MIRRORS - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS - LATE NIGHT (PG) 1201 AM
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1030 1130 1215 115 215 300) 400 500 600 700 745 900 945 1030
OC: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D 320 915
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1200) 340 655 950
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (1035 120) 410 720 1000
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (1045 145) 445 745 1035
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1115 150) 440 735 1010
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1055 130) 420 705 955
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1100 1200 230) 330 615 710 930 1025
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1145 240 515)
HANCOCK (PG-13) 800 PM
WALL-E (G) (1050 135) 405 645 910

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale FIREPROOF (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (115 430) 715 1015
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1245 345) 700 945
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 100 230 400 515) 715 800 1000 1045
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (130 430) 745 1030
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (115 215 400 500) 645 745 930 1030
OC & DA: STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (300) 1030
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 530) 815
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (1215 230 445)
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1200 330) 630 915
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1200 100 315 415) 630 700 730 945 1015 1045
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (1215 245) 730
HANCOCK (PG-13) (515) 1000
WALL-E (G) (130 415) 645 915

MAJESTIC STADIUM 20
900 Ellsworth Dr. Silver Spring, MD 240-393-4826
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
RW: TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1050 130 400) 630 910
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (Stadium) (1020 1130 100 200 330 450) 600 730 830 1010 1110
HELL RIDE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1045 115 345) 615 840 1050
RW & DA: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1010 1250 340) 620 900
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (Stadium) (1030 1135 110 215 350 500) 635 740 920 1020
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1100 1200 140 240 420 520) 700 810 940 1045
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (Stadium) (1055 1230 135 300 405 530) 705 805 935 1030
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1105 155 445) 735 1015
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1025 1240 310 540) 800 1025
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) (Stadium) 855 PM
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (Stadium) (1005 1210 220 430) 650
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (Stadium) (1035 120 415) 655 945
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (Stadium) (1110 1150 230 320) 610 640 710 930 1000 1040
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (Stadium) (1120 150 410)
HANCOCK (PG-13) (Stadium) (1140 210 440) 720 950
WALL-E (G) (Stadium) (1000 1220 245 510) 750
MIRRORS - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) 1201 AM
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS - LATE NIGHT (PG) (Stadium) 1201 AM

ROYALE STADIUM 14
6505 America Blvd. Hyattsville, MD 301-864-3456
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (Stadium) (1150 220 450) 720 950
RW: TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1250 330 555) 820 1055
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1100 140 420) 715 1000
RW & DA: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1130 200 500) 750 1040
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (Stadium) (1200 240 525) 810 1050
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (Stadium) (1220 310 545) 815 1045
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1110 410) 725 1010
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1140 210 505) 745 1025
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (Stadium) (1210 230 515) 735
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (Stadium) (1110 150 430) 710 1005
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (Stadium) (120 440) 800 1020
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (Stadium) (1240 300 510) 805 1035
HANCOCK (PG-13) (Stadium) (1120 130 400) 705 955
WANTED (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) 755 1030
WALL-E (G) (Stadium) (1230 320 540)

BETHESDA 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1245 315 545) 815 1045
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (100 140 420) 700 940
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 240 520) 800 1040
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (1100 130 410) 845 920
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (1130 210 450) 730 1010
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1215 245 515) 745 1010
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1200 230 500) 730 1000
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1145 1240 315 400) 630 715 945 1030
HANCOCK (PG-13) 900 PM
WALL-E (G) (1100 130 400) 630

BOWIE STADIUM 14
15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale FIREPROOF (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1000 1145 1230 145 230 315 415 500) 600 645 730 830 915 1000 1100
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1145 230 515) 745 1015
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 1215 215 300 500 545) 730 815 1000 1045
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (1015 1245 200 330) 600 745 845 1115
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (1045 130 415) 715 945
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1030 100 330) 615 900 1115
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1115 200 430) 700 945
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1015 1230 345 430) 715 1030 1115
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1130 145 400) 615 830
HANCOCK (PG-13) (345) 630 845 1100
WALL-E (G) (1100 130)
MIRRORS - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS - LATE NIGHT (PG) 1201 AM

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 145 245 430 530) 715 815 1000 1045
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 145 245 515) 700 800 1045
OC: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (430) 1000
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (100 400) 700 945
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (1130 200 500) 745 1030
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (130 445) 730 1015
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 230 515) 815 1045
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (1245 415)
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1245 345) 645 930
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1240 400) 630 715 950 1030
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (1130 200 415) 645 945
HANCOCK (PG-13) (1230 300 530) 800 1015
WALL-E (G) (1230 345) 630 915

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12
671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1105 115 155 405 445) 710 750 1000 1040
BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13) (1200 310) 620 930
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1100 100 140 340 420) 650 730 935 1020
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1135 1215 310 350) 640 720 1010
HANCOCK (PG-13) 715 950
WANTED (R) - ID REQ'D (1135 230 515) 800
WALL-E (G) (1250 330) 610 850
KUNG FU PANDA (PG) (1115 145 435)
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1055 1125 130 210 415 455) 700 740 945 1030

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS - LATE NIGHT (PG) 1201 AM
MIRRORS - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1045 1125 1205 130 210 250 415 455 535) 700 740 820 945 1025 1110
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1110 1140 150 230 515) 730 810 1100
OC: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (435) 1015
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (125 420) 715 1010
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (1100 120 200 405 445) 710 750 1005 1040
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (1240 340) 640 935
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (110 355) 630 905 1140
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1120 205 450) 735 1020
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1220 100 350 430) 720 800 1050
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1050 140 410) 650 920
HANCOCK (PG-13) (110 350) 620 850 1120
WALL-E (G) (1250 330) 610 850

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5910 Kingstowne Towne Center 703-822-4956
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
MIRRORS - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) 1201 AM
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS - LATE NIGHT (PG) (Stadium) 1201 AM
RW: TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1245 320) 615 900
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (Stadium) (1100 1145 135 220 410 500) 700 800 945 1030
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (Stadium) (1105 150 440) 730 1015
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (Stadium) (1115 1215 200 305 445) 620 725 915 1005
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (Stadium) (125 415) 710 1000
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (115 355) 655 925
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (Stadium) (1125 130 345) 640
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (Stadium) (1255 330) 715 950
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (Stadium) (1120 1220 235 340) 610 705 930 1020
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (Stadium) (1135 205 420) 645
HANCOCK (PG-13) (Stadium) 855 PM
WALL-E (G) (Stadium) (1110 140 405) 630
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1130 105 210 350 450) 635 745 920 1025

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COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20
45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
MIRRORS - MIDNITE (R) - ID REQ'D 1201 AM
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS - LATE NIGHT (PG) 1201 AM
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1130 1220 110 210 300 350 450 540) 630 730 820 910 1010
OC: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (430) 1000
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1210 120 320 420) 610 710 900 950
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 130 240 530) 720 810
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (1140 100 220 340 500) 640 740 920 1020
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (1255 345) 655 1005
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 325) 700 935
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (1150 155 405) 615
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (1230 140 330 440) 625 725 905 1015
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1145 1250 305 410) 620 750 940
HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG-13) 825 PM
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1135 200 425) 650 930
KIT KITTREDGE: AMERICAN GIRL (G) (1155 215 435) 705 925

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22875 Crawford Plz. Asburn, VA 703-957-1035
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
RW: TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1140 210 440) 715 1000
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (Stadium) (1225 145 325 415 555) 645 825 915
RW & DA: PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1150 225 505) 745 1020
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (Stadium) (1155 240 525) 835
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1240 420) 655 930
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (Stadium) (1145 1230 230 345 515) 630 800 936
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (Stadium) (1200 300) 730 1030
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (115 400) 720 955
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (Stadium) (1220 245 455) 710
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (Stadium) (1210 310) 610 905
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (Stadium) (1135 1215 255 345) 625 700 940 1015
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) (Stadium) (105 430) 650 905
HANCOCK (PG-13) (Stadium) 945 PM
WALL-E (G) (Stadium) (1245 315) 615 845

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FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 100 215 400 500) 650 745 945 1035
BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG-13) (1255 405) 725 1025
X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG-13) (1125 205 445) 730 1010
SPACE CHIMPS (G) (1140 210 440) 710 920
HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG-13) (1110 155 455) 740 1030
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1145 220 450) 715 940
KIT KITTREDGE: AMERICAN GIRL (G) (1135 200 430) 700 925
WALL-E (G) (1115 150 425) 705 935
SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 340) 655 1015

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MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#
Adv. Tix on Sale STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale MIRRORS (R) - ID REQ'D ★
TROPIC THUNDER (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1200 200 245 445 530) 730 815 1000 1045
SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG-13) (1245 330) 630 915
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) - ID REQ'D (115 215 400 500) 645 745 930 1030
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG-13) (1220 120 320 420) 610 710 850 950
SWING VOTE (PG-13) (150 440) 720 1010
STEP BROTHERS (R) - ID REQ'D (150 240 510) 740 1020
MAMMA MIA (PG-13) (145 430) 715 955
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) (1145 1230 300 345) 615 700 945 1015
JOURNEY 3-D: $2.50 ADDED FEE FOR 3-D (PG) ★ (1250 315) 600 845
HANCOCK (PG-13) 900 PM
WALL-E (G) (1210 250) 620

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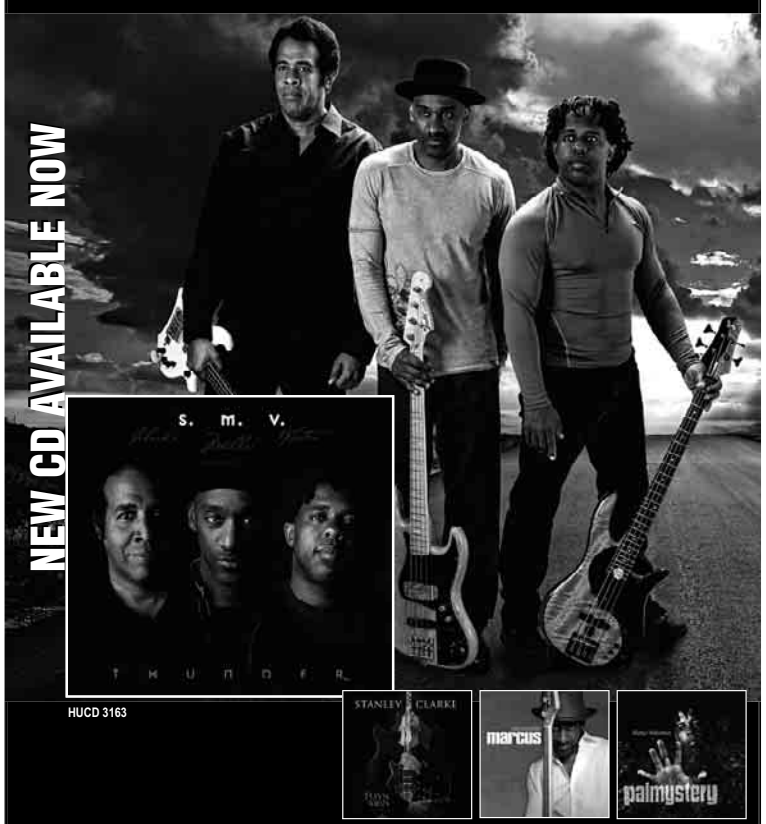

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KUNG FU PANDA: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG) 6:45, 9:25
SPACE STATION 3D (NR–NOT RATED) 12:35, 4:00

DIGITAL 3D
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40

SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOW
MIRRORS (R) 12:01 AM
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) 12:01 AM

TROPIC THUNDER (R) 12:20, 1:25, 3:00, 4:10, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:10
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) 1:15, 2:20, 4:20, 5:10, 7:15, 8:15, 10:25
THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG13) 1:05, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:20, 8:25, 10:05
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG13) 12:10, 3:20, 6:30, 9:45
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG13) [DV] [CC] 1:10, 4:30, 7:35, 10:20
SWING VOTE (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
STEP BROTHERS (R) 12:05, 2:55, 5:30, 7:45, 8:35, 10:30
THE X-FILES: I WANT TO BELIEVE (PG13) 3:25, 9:35
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 12:30, 1:45, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15, 7:00, 8:20, 9:30, 10:15
MAMMA MIA! (PG13) 12:00, 1:20, 2:45, 4:45, 5:45, 7:25, 10:10
SPACE CHIMPS (G) 1:30, 4:35
HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG13) 8:45
HANCOCK (PG13) 2:25, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
WALL-E (G) 12:55, 3:40
WANTED (R) 12:25, 6:20

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BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (PG13) 12:45, 4:05, 7:10, 10:10
HELL RIDE (R) 12:50, 3:15, 5:35, 8:05, 10:15

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THE IMAX EXPERIENCE
KUNG FU PANDA: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG) 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50
SPACE STATION 3D (NR–NOT RATED) 11:30, 1:15

DIGITAL 3D
JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25

SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOW
MIRRORS (R) 12:01 AM
STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) 12:01 AM

TROPIC THUNDER (R) 11:35, 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:30, 10:30
THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2 (PG13) 11:20, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON EMPEROR (PG13) 12:20, 1:30, 3:00, 4:20, 5:40, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00
SWING VOTE (PG13) 1:35, 4:25, 7:15
STEP BROTHERS (R) 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:20, 10:40
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) 12:10, 3:40, 4:40, 7:00, 8:05, 10:15
THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13) [DV] [CC] 11:15, 2:35, 6:05, 9:30
MAMMA MIA! (PG13) 1:20, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
SPACE CHIMPS (G) 12:15, 2:30
HANCOCK (PG13) 12:25, 2:40, 5:05, 7:25, 9:40

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HANCOCK (PG13) 9:35 PM
WALL-E (G) 2:20, 4:40, 7:05

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SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOW
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STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG) ✓ 12:01 AM

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HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY (PG13) 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
HANCOCK (PG13) 1:10, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:30
WALL-E (G) 12:15, 2:40, 5:05

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SPACE CHIMPS (G) 1:30, 3:30
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SEX AND THE CITY (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:50
IRON MAN (PG13) 1:40, 7:20

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HENRY POOLE IS HERE (PG) ✓ 12:01 AM
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AMERICAN TEEN (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:00

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GREEN ON THE GO: The proprietors of On the Gourmet at the West End farmers' market emphasize both flavor and fun.

Snacks in Store

From olive spread to Dragon's Breath, On the Gourmet delivers

ENTREPRENEURS | Early Sunday morning at the West End farmer's market, before it gets too hot, shoppers strolling from stall to stall can take their pick of bok choy, bell peppers, and Ozark plums.

The usual suspects are here: joggers with dogs, women with armloads of flowers wrapped in newspaper, and at the far end, Sara Guerre explains to a burly man in reflective sunglasses just how hot her Dragon's Breath cheese is.

"It's got three kinds of peppers," she says. "Do you like hot sauce?"

"Not really."

The man's significant other pulls him away. She wants to keep shopping — presumably for something her guy will actually eat. Not to worry — there's a steady stream of customers waiting to buy, taste or ask questions of the co-owner of the new thing in town: On the Gourmet.

Guerre, 34, and her friend Libby Rector Snipe, 31, opened On the Gourmet for business in May, after the duo decided a catering business would take too much of an initial investment. They settled on the idea of selling local and specialty goods from a truck.

But this is no mere delivery truck.

> "It doesn't seem like work. When we had our opening day ... it was the funnest day ever."

Guerre and Rector Snipe and their husbands do drive the beast, but the store is inside, with a completely made-over interior. "We look at it sometimes and think, 'Wow, we did a pretty good job'," Guerre laughs.

Why do this, especially when both women have full-time day jobs?

The idea — from the grandmaish blue cabinets to the nibbles of cheese and olive spread to the foodie chats that Guerre and Rector Snipe try to foster — is that being inside the truck should feel like "being in somebody's kitchen," says Rector Snipe. "It doesn't seem like work. When we had our opening day ... it was the funnest day ever."

"We talk about food all the time," she adds.

The two source their products — imported oils, fig vinegar, chocolate pasta, crème brulée almonds — from things they've tried that they like. "We want to provide the yummiest-tasting things we can find," says Guerre, and ultimately, it's probably taste, not fun, that draws the customers.

Half an hour after his first visit to the truck, the man with dark glasses returns and requests a sample. Minutes later, he emerges holding a package of Dragon's Breath. "It's really, um, sharp," he says as he pays. "Might be good on a salad."

And Guerre, she smiles, happy he liked it. RACHEL KAUFMAN

➜ *4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria; Sundays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Also at Great Falls farmers' market on Saturdays; onthegourmet.com.*

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Sundays in Silver Spring just got a lot nicer. Mrs. K's Tollhouse, just a mile up Colesville Road, is offering 30 half-priced wine bottles and half-priced small plates. The dishes, usually $8-$24, include tuna au poivre, grilled Mediteranean octopus over micro greens, and other such light summer fare. This "Wine & Dine" promotion is available every Sunday through Oct. 15. RACHEL KAUFMAN

➜ *Mrs. K's Tollhouse; 9201 Colesville Road; 301-589-3500. (Silver Spring)*

FILL 'ER UP

Half Off, In a Different Way

The bottomless brunch has arrived at Dupontgrille. (We're still awaiting the topless brunch.) For $24, get an entree — like a crab omelet, a Belgian waffle or a classic eggs Benedict — and unlimited refills on mimosas or Bloody Marys. The food isn't bottomless, but after a mimosa or two, you won't care. Sans booze, you'll pay $18 and can still enjoy coffee or orange juice with your meal. Worth rolling out of bed on a Sunday for, eh? (RK)

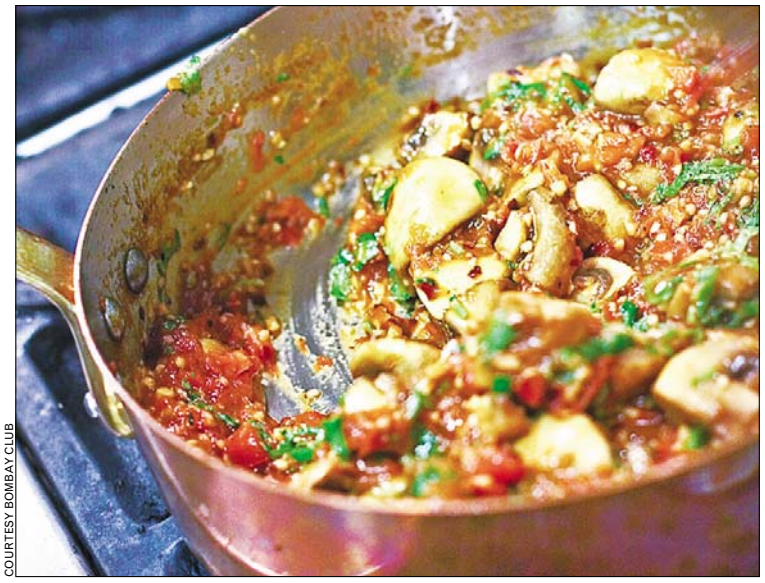
➜ *Dupontgrille; 1500 New Hampshire Ave. NW; 202-939-9596. (Dupont Circle)*

CHEAPER, YUMMIER, LONGER

Nothing to Do With Halves

Missed Restaurant Week? Many eateries are extending the can't-beat-'em prices another week or two. Grab Indian fare at the Bombay Club or Rasika, veal tenderloin or a modern take on jerk chicken at PS 7, or try Café Atlantico's quesadilla or cubano sandwich. Mio and Posh extend their promotions for, remarkably, the entire month of August, so everyone can get in on the fun. (RK)

➜ *Various locations; call the restaurant and ask about the RW special.*



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SHOOTING FOR OFFICE: The Made in Hong Kong film festival continues its path of cinematic destruction. This weekend features the superior sequel "Election II" also called "Triad Election." H.K. auteur Johnnie To's violent drama mixes up gangsters with campaign shenanigans and thugs with MBAs. Catch it at AFI Silver on Sunday at 9:45 p.m.

TheScene

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Anacostia Community Museum: "East of the River: Continuity and Change," through Nov. 9. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.

Anne Loeb Bronfman Gallery: "Hebraica Mirrors," more than 60 fine prints on leather parchment and vellum by the French Jewish artist Matatiaou, through Sept. 30. 1529 16th St. NW; 202-518-9400, washingtondcjcc.org/center-for-arts/gallery.

Arlington Arts Center: "Picturing Politics 2008: Artists Speak to Power, " the intersection of visual arts and politics, opens Fri., through Sept. 27. 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, arlington artscenterorg.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Sculpture of South and Southeast Asia," "Taking Shape: Ceramics in Southeast Asia," "Yellow Mountain: China's Ever-Changing Landscape," through Aug. 24. "Perspectives: Y.Z. Kami," through Oct. 13. "Seascapes: Tryon & Sugimoto," through Jan. 25. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000. **Freer Gallery of Art:** "Tea for Everyone: Japanese Popular Ceramics for Tea Drinking," through Sept. 7. "Japanese Arts of the Edo Period, 1615-1868, Part 2," through Sept. 7. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

The Athenaeum: "TXT MSG: Four Letter Words by John James Anderson," words of four letters (perfectly respectable ones) that play with fonts. "Song for Europe by Mark Cameron Boyd," a text-based participatory installation that turns language on its head, both open Sat. with a reception, 5-7 p.m., through Sept. 21. S. Lee & Prince streets, Alexandria, 703-548-0035, nvfaa.org.

Carroll Square Gallery: "Aqueous," artists and photographers explore the crucial role water plays in fostering life on Earth, and how the resource is threatened, through Aug. 22. 975 F St. NW; 202-624-8649, carrollsquare.com.

Catholic University of America: "Together in Faith: The Pope Visits Catholic University," reminisce about Pope Benedict XVI's trip to the District, through Oct. 19; Keelty Atrium, 3600 John McCormack Road NE; 202-319-6000, libraries.cua.edu/papalexhibit.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Elena del Rivero: Home Suite," art inhabiting the space between domestic space and public activity, through Nov. 16. "Sight/Insight: People and Places, Recent Acquisitions of Photography and Media Arts," from the permanent collection, through Sept. 15. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

DAR Constitution Hall: "Telling Their Stories: 19th-Century Samplers and Silk Needlework," through Aug. 30. 1776 D St. NW; 202-879-3241, dar.org.

DEA Museum: "Good Medicine, Bad Behavior: Drug Diversion in America," through Dec. 31. 700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington; 202-307-3463, deamuseum.org.

District Fine Arts: "In Transit," a group show of paintings and photographs, through Aug. 30. 1639 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-328-9100, dfaonline.com.

Ellipse Arts Center: "All Arlington\ Salon '08," a shout-out to Arlington's artistic homies, through Sept. 13. 4350 Fairfax Drive, Arlington; 703-228-7710, arlingtonarts.org.

Flashpoint: "The Numbers Behind," Math nerd and artist Michael Dax Iacavone uses algorithms to shape and group space as he explores D.C., through Aug. 23. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "Now Thrive the Armorers: Arms and Armor in Shakespeare," through Sept. 9. Shakespeare First Folio and other works on permanent display, 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

Foundry Gallery: "Interpretive Realms," group show, through Aug. 30. 1314 18th St.NW; 202-463-0203, foundry gallery.org.

Fraser Gallery: "Summer Group Exhibit," paintings, photographs and more, through Sept. 6. 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651, thefrasergallery.com.

LAST CHANCE G Fine Art: "Water, Water," this group show features works by Graham Caldwell, Dan Steinhilber, Linn Meyers and others, through Sun. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601, gfineartdc.com.

Gallery 10: "American Landscape," works from Gallery 10 artists' show in Italy, through Aug. 23. 1519 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-3326.

Goethe Institut: "Images of Germany (Deutschlandbilder)," works by eight photographers from the revered Ostkreuz Photo Agency, through Aug. 29. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/ins/us/

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LEMONS TO LEMONADE: While this year's crop of American Idolettes are crooning in a big stage revue, Season Six fourth-place "AI" contestant LaKisha Jones will be working it out on tour with Miss Chaka Khan. Khan's tour with Jones and Musiq Soulchild hits the Warner Theatre on Thursday.

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Hillyer Art Space: "Every Day," a five-piece installation by Mandy Burrow. "An Allegory in Ink," drawings by Ben Tolman, through Aug. 29. "My Name Is Jason," prose and painting works by Reynolds and Griffin, through Aug. 29. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org/artspace.php.

LAST CHANCE Hirshhorn: "Black Box: Kimsooja" features the artist's hypnotic, disorienting film "A Laundry Woman, Yamuna River, Delhi," through Aug. 17. "The Cinema Effect Part II: Realisms," part two of the Hirshhorn's exploration of film, art and film as art, through Sept. 7. "Currents: Recent Acquistions," through Nov. 16. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

Historical Society of Washington: "Discover Greatness: An Illustrated History of Negro Baseball Leagues," through Oct. 5. "Separate and Unequaled: Black Baseball in the District of Columbia," through Oct. 5. 801 K St. NW; 202-383-1850, historydc.org.

International Spy Museum: Permanent displays of wristwatch cameras, poison gas guns, a World War II Enigma cipher machine and other coding machines, disguises, etc., 800 F St. NW; 202-393-7798, spymuseumorg.

Irvine Contemporary: "Introductions4," the gallery's MFA annual showcase of rising local artists, through Sept. 6. 1412

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14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

Japan Information and Culture Center: "Sumi-e by Yoshiko Oishi-Weick," scenes of nature in black ink brushwork from the local artist, gallery is open weekdays only, through Sept. 1. 1155 21st St. NW; 202-238-6949, us.emb-japan.go.jp/jicc.

Jerusalem Fund: "Silver Adornment from Bilad al-Sham," through Sept. 12. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org.

LAST CHANCE Kathleen Ewing Gallery: "At the Water's Edge," photographic works with a wet touch, through Sun. 1767 P St. NW; 202-328-0955, kathleenewinggallery.com.

Koshland Science Museum: "Global Warming Facts & Our Future," "Infectious Disease: Evolving Challenges to Human Health," "Wonders of Science," 6th & E streets NW; 202-334-1201, koshland-science-museum.org.

Kreeger Museum: Permanent exhibit, the Philip Johnson-designed former residence of Carmen and David Kreeger displays their collection of 19th- and 20th-century paintings and sculpture, and traditional African art, 2401 Foxhall Road NW; 202-338-3552, kreegermuseum.org.

Library of Congress: "Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater: 50 Years as Cultural Ambassador to the World,"through Sept. 6. "Bob Hope and American Variety," "Creating the United States," American treasures including a draft of the Declaration of Independence. 101 1st St. SE; 202-707-4604. loc.gov.

Mansion at Strathmore: "Strathmore at 25 Retrospective," through Sept. 30. "Sumi-E Society of America 45th Annual Juried Exhibition," East Asian brush paintings and calligrapy, through Aug. 23. 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-581-5200, 301-581-5100.

Meat Market Gallery: "Death & Glory," German artist Mario Wagner's collages explore issues of displacement and isolation. through Aug. 11. 1636 17th St. NW; 202-328-6328.

National Academy of Sciences: "Taxa: Paintings by Isabella Kirkland," elaborate paintings draw on Dutch still-life traditions to depict invasive and endangered flora and fauna, through Aug. 25. "Coexistence: Paintings by Joan Wadleigh Curran," the uneasy relationship among man, nature and things, through Sept. 15. 2100 C St. NW; 202-334-2436, nasonline.org.

National Air and Space Museum: "America by Air," "Beyond the Limits: Flight Enters the Computer Age," "Carrier War in the Pacific," "Earth Today: A Digital View of Our Dynamic Planet," "Explore the Universe," "GPS: A New Constellation," "How Things Fly," interactive gallery about the principles of flight. "In Plane View: Abstractions of Flight," through Jan. 2. "Looking at Earth," on aerial photography; "Military Unmanned Aerial Vehicles," "Modern Carrier Aviation: Seapower in a Changing World," "Space: A Journey to Our Future," through Jan. 11. 7th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

National Aquarium:

LAST CHANCE National Archives: "Running for Office: Candidates, Campaigns and the Cartoons of Clifford Berryman," through Sun. "Harris Treaty," The 1858 trade agreement with Japan. "Ping Pong Diplomacy," an intelligence brief noting remarks made by to the U.S. table tennis team on their visit to China in 1971. through Aug. 28. "The Charters of Freedom,"ongoing 9th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-357-5000, archives.gov.

National Building Museum: "Cityscapes Revealed: Highlights From the Collection," "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future" explores the legacy of the architect, through Aug. 23. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art, East Building: "Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures From the National Museum, Kabul," through Sept. 7. "Small French Paintings," permanent exhibit. 4th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, nga.gov.

West Building: "Richard Misrach: On the Beach," through Sept. 1. "Max Ernst: Illustrated Books," throuygh Sept. 6. "Martin Puryear," a major retrospective of sculpture by the native Washingtonian, through Sept. 28. "Medieval to Modern: Recent Acquisitions of Drawings, Prints and Illustrated Books," through Nov. 2. 6th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, nga.gov.

National Geographic: "A Camera, Two Kids and a Camel," through Sept. 14. "China's Forgotten Fleet Voyages of Zheng He," through Sept. 7. "Shaolin: Temple of Zen — Photographs by Justin Guariglia," through Sept. 7. "Odysseys and Photographs — Masters From the National Geographic Archives," through Jan. 4, 2 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

LAST CHANCE National Museum of African Art: "Treasures 2008," through Sun. "El Anatsui: Gawu," the African artists creates beauty out of recycled and found materials, mostly metal, through Sept. 2. "African Vision: The Walt Disney-

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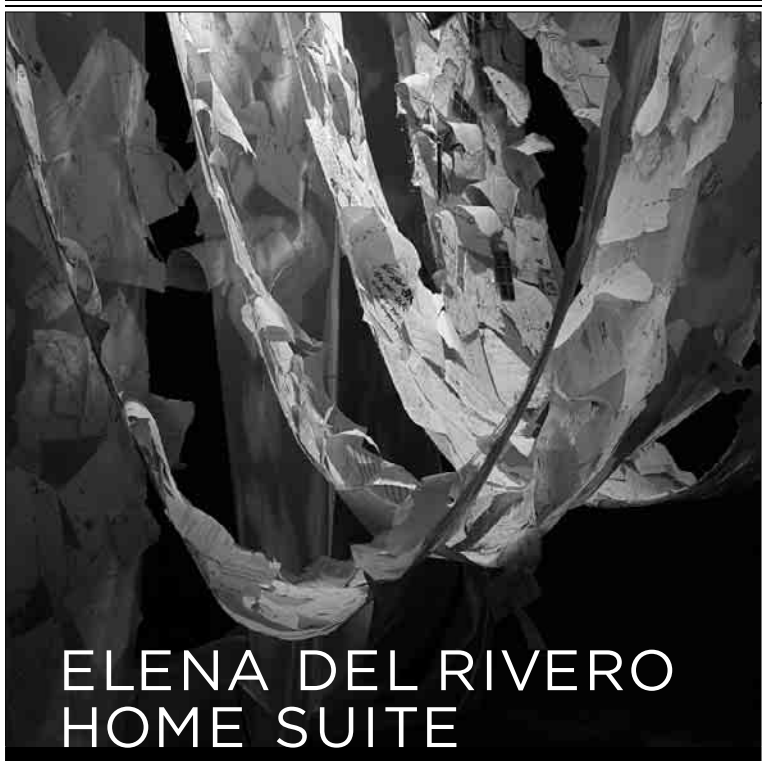

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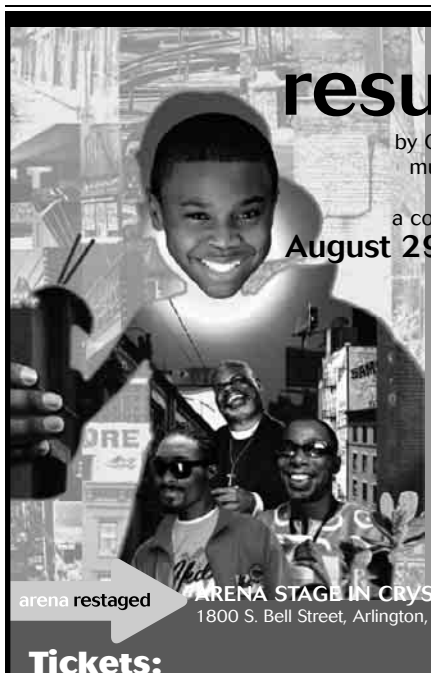
Tishman African Art Collection," a collection of five centuries of African art, through Sept. 7. "TxtStyles: Fashioning Identity," African culture through textiles, through Dec. 8. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, africa.si.edu.

National Museum of Crime & Punishment: Permanent exhibit, Various displays on the history of crime, crime-fighting and punishment in the United States, 575 7th St. NW; 202-393-1099.

National Museum of Health and Medicine: "Evolution of the Microscope," "From a Single Cell," "Human Body, Human Being," "To Bind Up the Nation's Wounds," Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Building 54, 6900 Georgia Ave. NW; 202-782-2200.

National Museum of Natural History: "Botanica Magnifica," "The Lost Amazon," both through Oct. 31. "African Voices," "Discovering Rastafari," through Nov. 8.



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National Museum of the American Indian: Displays about the history and culture of Native Americans, 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Modern Love: Gifts to the Collection From Heather and Tony Podesta," a collection of cutting-edge works by an international group of female artists, through Sept. 21. "Something Pertaining to God: The Patchwork Art of Rosie Lee Tompkins," a collection of quilt art, through Sept. 21. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "Edward Steichen: Portraits"; "Zaida Ben-Yusuf: New York Portrait Photographer," both through Sept. 1. "Herblock's Presidents: Punctur-

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ARENA ROCK | 'CAN I KEEP HIM?'

MATT SAYLES/AP

KNOCK, KNOCK: "Mom! Eddie Vedder's here again!" "Well, don't let his band in; they never wipe their feet." "He's alone." "What does he want?" "Uh, justice, transcendence and an ice-cream sandwich." "I'll look in the icebox." "Oh, and mom? His solo tour stops at Warner Theatre on Saturday and Sunday; we should probably go."

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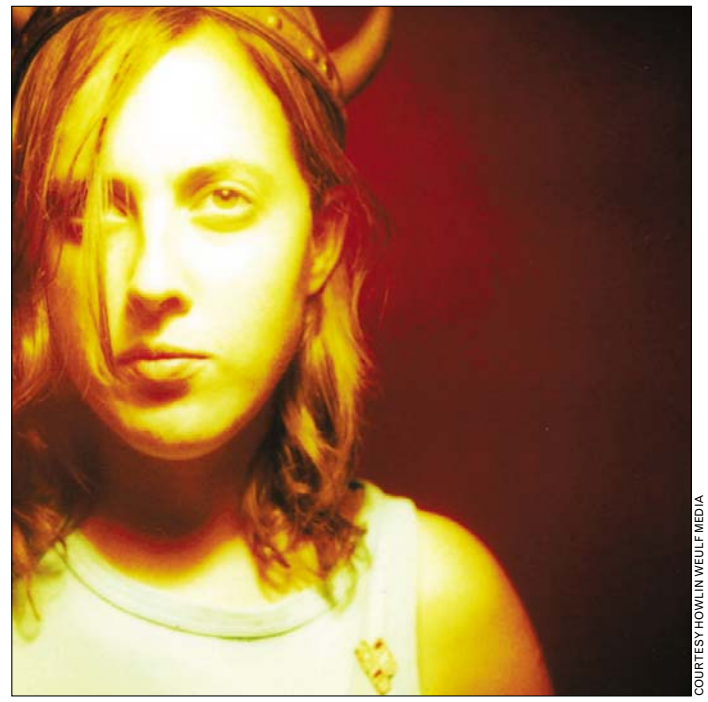

COURTESY HOWLIN WEULF MEDIA

INTIMATE MOMENTS: Jana Hunter kicks off a cross-country tour Thursday at the Black Cat. Sounding more like a girl experimenting with music in her bedroom than a critically acclaimed trip-folk singer who's knocked 'em dead in North America and Europe, Hunter makes the hipsters swoon.

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ing Pomposity," through Nov. 30. "Kate: A Centennial Celebration," through Oct. 5. "Recognize! Hip-Hop and Contemporary Portraiture," through Oct. 26. "Ballyhoo! Posters as Portraiture," through Feb. 8. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

National Postal Museum: "Rarity Revealed: The Benjamin K. Miller Collection," through Jan. 12. "Customers and Communities," "Airmail in America," "Artistic License: The Duck Stamp Story," "Binding the Nation," "Moving the Mail," "On the Road," "Postal Inspectors: The Silent Service," through Feb. 28. 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-633-1000, postalmuseum.si.gov.

Newseum: "G-Men and Journalists," ongoing. A museum of news tracing the history of journalism, with interactive exhibitions in 14 galleries, 15 theaters and two broadcast studios, 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, newseum.org.

Phillips Collection: "The Great American Epic: Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series," through Oct. 26. Dieberkorn in New Mexico," the abstract artist's 1950-52 Albuquerque period. "Brett Weston: Out of the Shadow," photographs from the 1920s through the '80s, both through Sept. 7. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Randall Scott Gallery: "8," The work of eight photographers in four two-person shows, each lasting two weeks. Alexandra Catiere and Shen Wei's work is on display through Aug. 22; the show runs through Sept. 5. 1326 14th St. NW; 202-332-0806, randallscottgallery.com.

Renwick Gallery: American crafts and decorative arts. 17th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu/renwick/index.cfm.

S. Dillon Ripley Center: "Jim Henson's Fantastic World," photographs, documents, puppets and film and video clips, through Oct. 5. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000, si.edu/ripley.

Smithsonian Museum of American Art: "Earth and Sky: Photographs by Barbara Bosworth," through Nov. 9. "Local Color: Washington Painting at Midcentury," The exhibit examines the cross influences of Washington-based artists between the mid-1950s and mid-1970s, through Oct. 13. "The Honor of Your Company Is Requested: President Lincoln's Inaugural Ball," through Jan. 18. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

Textile Museum: "Blue," artists explore the primary color in all its permutations. "The Finishing Touch: Accessories From the Bolivian Highlands," both through Sept. 18. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

Torpedo Factory Art Center: "From

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Here 2 There," the Torpedo Factory Artists' Association members' first traveling exhibition, through Sept. 1. **Torpedo Center's Art League Gallery:** "AugustAll-Media Membership Show." **Target Gallery at the Torpedo Center:** "Slick," Julie Camarata makes a statement about the oil industry by transforming the gallery into an oil rig platform. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565. torpedofactory.org.

Touchstone Gallery: "Totally Femme," inspiring works exploring femininity, through Sept. 6. "Capitol Colors," southwest, Tex-Mex landscapes and colors meet D.C. landmarks in Dorri Thyden's paintings, through Sept. 6. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787, touchstonegallery.com.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "One Planet — Ours! Sustainability for the 22nd Century," through Oct. 13. Permanent exhibitions of more than 4,000 plants and a tropical rain forest, ongoing. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.org.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: "A Dangerous Lie: Protocols of the Elders of Zion," "Genocide Emergency: Darfur, Sudan," "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story," "The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936,"

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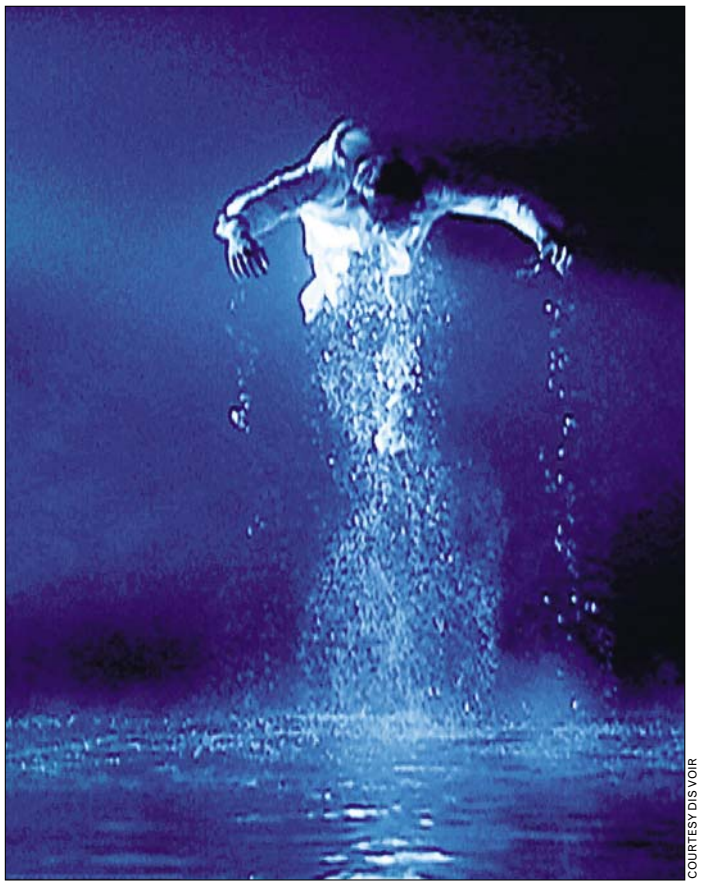

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DREAMTIME: Hatsu-yume is the Japanese term for the first dream of a new year. In video artist Bill Viola's "Hatsu-Yume," the title suits an oblique allegory about spirituality and death. Catch a free screening of this profound work of art at the Smithsonian American Art Museum on Thursday at 6 p.m.

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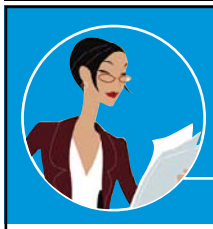


ASK BETSY
About Student Loans

This column, contributed by American Student Assistance®, a non-profit that provides student loan borrowers with the education and encouragement they need to successfully manage their debt, is published in *The Express* every month. You can "Ask Betsy" questions about applying for student loans, repaying your loans, or what to do if you're having trouble paying your loans back. E-mail your questions to ***askbetsydc@amsa.com.***

American Student Assistance

Lender Stopped Making Loans

Dear Betsy,
Mine was one of the families affected by a local lender deciding not to offer student loans this year. Even though we had already been approved for a loan for my son's college this fall, the lender has said that we will have to start all over again. What can I do to make sure this won't happen again?

Sincerely,
Anthony

Dear Anthony,
There certainly has been some upheaval this year in the student loan markets, and the most recent announcements have quite a few families wondering where to turn. I would start by looking into federal Stafford and PLUS Loans. While the PLUS Loans may have a slightly higher interest rate than the private loan you had been approved for, federal loans offer many benefits not available to private loan borrowers. These include forgiveness for disasters—such as death or disability of the borrower—as well as lower monthly payment options and payment deferment options. To start the federal loan process, ask a participating lender or your son's financial aid office for an application.

As far as which lenders are still participating, despite what you may have seen in the press, there are actually more than 2,000 lenders nationwide that still offer both federal and private student loans. Once again, your son's school will be a good place to start for some information about which lenders they generally work with. Keep in mind that you can use any participating lender you choose.

Regards,
Betsy

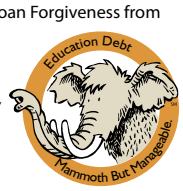
A New Loan Forgiveness Program

Dear Betsy,
I am currently working at a non-profit organization, and I just received my bachelor's degree about a year ago. I have started making my loan payments, but I am worried about having 20 years worth of loan payments and not achieving financial independence or stability. Are there any grant or scholarship programs out there that would help one pay for college loans in return for service?

Sincerely,
Luisa

Dear Luisa,
Some companies pay some of their employees' student loans as a benefit, so I would recommend looking into whether or not a program like this is available where you work. Also, a new loan forgiveness program is going to be introduced next summer that will allow some people working in non-profit or public service fields to potentially have the remainder of their loans written off after 10 years of both service and regular payment. Only certain payments count, though, so you will want to read all the fine print about this option before hanging your future plans on it. You will be able to get thorough information about Public Service Loan Forgiveness from your loan holder in about six months.

Best of luck,
Betsy



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TheScene

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artifacts from one of the other most infamous games, through Aug. 24 "Witness to History: Documenting the Path of American Liberators," permanent exhibition of artifacts, photographs and oral histories. 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place (15th Street) SW; 202-488-0400, ushmm.org.

Washington Gallery of Photography: "Not Your Mama's World," photographs exploring a changing sense of femininity and womanhood, through Sept. 9. 4850 Rugby Ave., Bethesda; 301-654-1998, wsp-photo.com.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Collateral Damaged," the work of Ann Johnson-Schuste,. through Aug. 31. "Small Works 2008," a mesmerizing group show, through Aug. 31. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Zenith Gallery: "Zenith in the Abstract," abstract paintings and sculptures by five artists, through Aug. 30. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963, zenithgallery.com.

Zenith Gallery Atelier: Zenith's alternative space exhibits "Reincarnations," featuring the found-object, remodeled sculptures and installations of multiple artists, through Sept. 28. 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-2963, zenithgallery.com.

Stage

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Contra-Tiempo: This Los Angeles-based company's work fuses salsa, Afro-Cuban, West African and hip-hop for a dazzling, dynamic result, Sat. & Sun., $17-$22. Dance Place, 3225 8th St. NE; 202-269-1600, danceplace.org.

Disney's The Lion King: The imaginatively staged Disney fable about masculinity and power comes to the Kennedy Center stage, through Aug. 24, $25-$150. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324, kennedy-center.org.

Dream Sailors: The hypnotic, hallucinatory story of four friends and the lucid dreams that crash into their psyches. Randy Baker's play is presented over the course of four episodes; episode 3 begins this weekend, through Aug. 17, $11.50. Georgetown University, Davis Lab Theatre, 37th & O streets NW; rorschachtheatre.com.

Jerry Springer: The Opera: Studio Theatre's go-for-broke parody puts the infamous talk-show host up against sad souls and some unearthly entities. It's all directed with a sense of wickedness by Keith Ameager, through Aug. 31, $25-$29. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300. studiotheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE The Man of La Mancha: Keegan Theatre revives the musical version of Cervantes' epic quest, "Don Quixote," through Sun., $35, seniors and students, $30. Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St. NW; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.com.

LAST CHANCE The Pirates of Penzance or the Slave of Duty: The GLBT Arts Consortium puts its spin on Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera,

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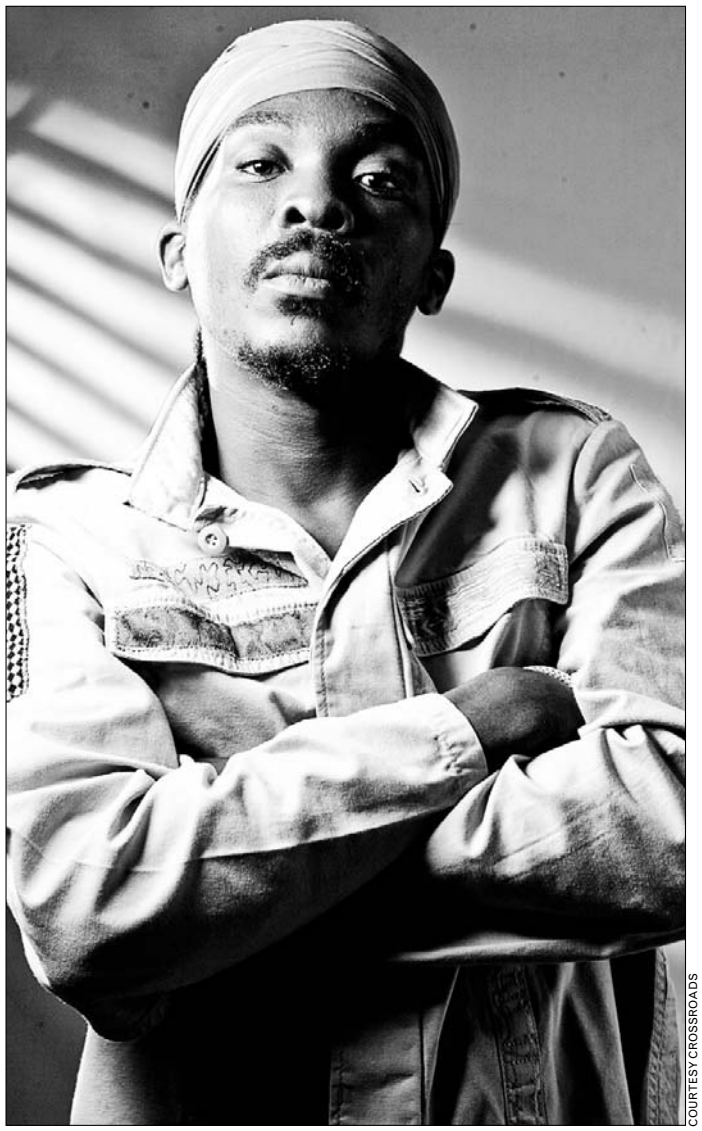


COURTESY CROSSROADS

AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A REGGAE ARTIST: Taking a page from Bob Marley's book, Anthony B focuses on politically charged lyrics and unity—no degrading women, no boasting. (Sounds odd to us, too.) The Jamaican artist performs Sunday at Crossroads with Rootz Underground.

TheScene

through Sat., $10-$20. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. SE; 202-547-6839, chaw.org.

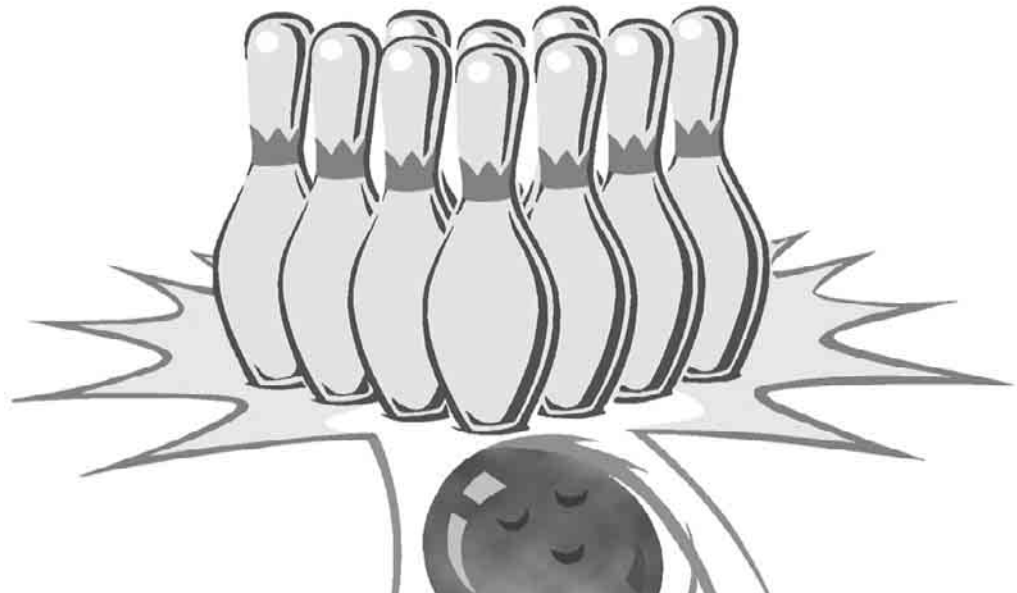
SUNDAY ONLY Press Cuttings and Far Fetched Fables: Two of G.B. Shaw's acerbic satires tart up this campaign season, 2:30 & 7 p.m., free. Flashpoint Mead Theatre Lab, 916 G St. NW; 240-582-0050, stageguild.org.

Rabbit Hole: The 2007 Pulitzer Prize-winner for drama tells the harrowing story of a couple devastated by the death of a child, through Aug. 31, $25-$38. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400.

Rooms: A Rock Romance: A frisky rock musical set in 1970s Glasgow jumps from folk to punk and brings together a cute musical couple, performed by MetroStage, through Sept. 7, $40-$45. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044, metrostage.org.

Stones in His Pockets: A film crew descends on a small Irish town and a lot of misguided preening ensues in Marie Jones' comedy, staged by Keegan Theatre, through Aug. 23, $15-$20. Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run, Arlington; 703-892-0202, keegantheatre.org.

The Titans: American Century Theater presents a world premiere by resident playwright Robert McElwaine about the tense 13 days of the Cuban Missile Crisis, through Sat., $26-$29. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-998-4555, americancentury.org.



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